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GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 1, 1733. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol.* 10, *pp.* 1-27].

TO THE HOÑBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS, FOR AFFAIRS, OF THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND, TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. The last season we addressd y^r. Honours by the Duke of Cumberland, and Derby under date of the 28^th. of August, by the Aislabie and Francis the 13^th. of January, and by the Walpole the 31^st. of that Month, besides a short Letter sent by the way of Tellechery, and Angengo, to Inform you of the accident happened to the Eyles, which We have an Account was forwarded to you by Ship Monmouth to England, and by a Country ship to Bussero, to be from thence sent your Honours, overland. 10th. Novr. 1732 Park. 1. 2. 3d. 13th. Decr. par. 1, 6 Feby. par. [5th].

2^d. Since that time wee have been Honoured with your Orders dated the 10^th. November, 13^th. Decembr. and 6^th. February, 1732 to all which wee now reply, and hope to give such an Account, of your affairs under our Management, as shall merit your Approbation.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3^d. All the ships consign'd us this season arrived, and were despatch'd in the following order, to their several Ports Viz^t. 10th. Novr. par. 4, 5th. 13 Decr. par. 2d. 6 Febry. par. 2d.

	Arriv'd.	Sail'd.	
Price Augustus	20^th. Aprill ...	25 May ...	tó China.
Devonshire	28^th. ...	18^th. ...	to Bengal.
Decker	28^th. June ...	16^th. July ...	
Britania	28^th. ...	4^th. Aug^t. ...	
Normanton	14^th. July ...	18^th. ...	
Lethieullier	17 now under Dispatch for England.		

4. Of the others sent out this Year, the Royal Guardia[n] arriv'd in Bengal, the Harrington at Bencoolen [from whence it] will be Dispatch'd a full ship, and the [*a few words lost*] our ships from Mocha bring advice [*a few words lost*] there, The two ships which [*a few words lost*] season, return'd from [*a few words lost*] proceeded, to the Bay, Viz^t. [*a few words lost*].

5. Wee Read with Pleasure, that our proceedings with respect to the Cadogan met Your Honours App[r]obation. 10th. Novr. par. 6.

6. As to your ship George we last year advised, That the Captain of her dyed on the West Coast, and that in their return from thence, wherein they spent upwards of five Months, the ship nearly escaped being lost, having parted all her Cables, and had she not reciev'd assistance from the Dutch, (for which wee have retur[n]'d them thanks, in a Letter sent to Negapatam for that Purpose) she must infalibly have drove ashore, The Consideration of the Difficulties and dangers in the Passage, thrô the Islands have occasiond us to give Directions to the Deputy Gov^r. & Council of Fort Marlborough, that if any of your Vessels be despatch'd from thence after the last of December, or before the first of Septemb^r. they do give the Comander positive orders to go to the southward into the South east trade, and to endeavour to make Ceylone, which wee hope you will approve. [Letters sent N°. 18, Letters N°. 16, Consultation 2^d. January.]

7. It can't be Imagin'd but that after so tedious a Passage, and so many dangers as this ship passed, she should be in want of repairs, part of which was done at Vizagapatam where she first fell inn, and the rest after her arrival here, Wee are

as exact as possible in inspecting the expence both of her and the Madrass Galley, and allow of no expence or supplies which don't appear to us to be necessary, nor do we send them oftener to the West Coast, then wee think is for your service, and when they go you will find by the Manifest of goods sent on them, that the full freight is paid you for what they carry.

8th. 20th. 8. Wee shall be carefull to recover the value of all goods damag'd or Deliver'd short of Invoice from the Comanders, of Vessels that bring them, as we did this year from the Master of sloop Cossimbuzar, for four jarrs of Oyl short of his Invoice, and of the Master of sloop Charming Phillis for [sundries] wanting in what sent on her to Fort S^{t}. David [Consultation 17th. Aprill Letters recd N°. *lacuna*.]

[9. *A few words lost*] Consequnce shall be, & indeed a [*a few words lost*] the Board. [*Lacuna*] [*a few words lost*] year 1729/30 [*a few words lost*].

10th. 10. Wee wish it w[ere] in our power to give Your Honours a fuller Acco[un]t of the proceedings of the French [*lacuna*] Investment and of the Cargoes of their ships then what wee now send in the Packet, but their affairs are carried on with so much secrecy, that wee apprehend it is not to be done, The Deputy Governour and Councill have a Copy of your Orders, on this subject and wee doubt not will be as exact as Possible.

11th. 11. If there should be an urgent occasion for keeping back a ship after her Charterparty is expired wee shall observe the Directions you are pleased to give, and enter our Consultations [*lacuna*] so doing with the reasons for it, but wee are in hopes there will very seldom happen any instances of this kind.

12th. 12. Wee shall not fail to let all Comanders and others belonging to our ships know what fatal Consequences will infallibly attend their behaving themselves in any of the Dutch ports, in the like or any other unfriendly manner as Captain [*lacuna*].

13th. 13. Your orders for sending sixty Tunns of Redwood to the Bay for the Royal Guardian came too late for us to procure it before the setting inn of the southerly Monsoon We contracted for [*lacuna*] and Candies the quantity usually, early in the year and have sent all of it except what wee wanted for the Lethieullier [*lacuna*] but as by our Calculate, that is not sufficient for all the ships, and that the Winds coming about to the Northward, wee have got another supply, we have laden Forty tonns more on your ship George, (Just arriv'd from Bencoolen whither she was sent the beginning of March) and Dispatch'd her with that, w^{ch}. will compleat the quantity wanted.

14th. 14. As wee are in want of a further quantity of salt petre for the Prince Augustus, then what [we were] unfortunately supply'd with by the Eyle's [we have] desir'd the Governour and Coun[cil of Bengal to] put two hundred baggs on [board . . .] [send] her away as soon as the [season . . .] at Vizagapatam and fill [. . .] will prevent our being so [. . .] of the season to get [. . .].

15. In obedience to your orders for sending home a ship early in October, Wee now Dispatch the Lethieullier with a full loading, and as it is undoubtedly a great disappointment to Captain Sheppeard not to have gone to the Bay, wee begg leave to recommend him to your Honours favour. Wee shall have a Cargoe for the Prince Augustus in January, The Eyle[s]'s Bengal Cargoe, and sixteen hundred Bales of Coarse goods to take in, which wee have wrote by the George to the President and Councill of Bengal to desire they will send us Tonnage ([h] Letters sent N°. 85.)

16. The Madrass Galley built for your account at Pegue measures about ninety tonns, she is now at the West Coast service and wee expect will be back in Decemb^{r}. she shall always be employ'd when any opportunity offers for her earning somthing to defray her expences.

17. Wee advised your Honours overland, the 7th. July of the Eyles's misfortune, just as she was ready to be dispatch'd, The day before she sprung a leak which on examination it was found could not be stoped here, and consequently she could not

be sent away, as therefore the cargoe was unlivering, wee Demanded an account in writing from the Captain, of the causes of his sending the goods ashore, and on survey finding the ship not capable of proceeding the Voyage, wee Protested in form against her.

18. When the Captain Determin'd to goe to Bengal to refit his ship, he requested us to spare him some old useless guns because sand Ballast in a leaky ship was Dangerous, which as wee little apprehended, the accident since happen'd, and that wee had thereby an opportunity (agreable to your orders for returning all old useless guns) to send them home freight free, wee let him have them, as they are since lost in the ship, wee have [taken] his bond for the same quantity [to be delivered] you in England ([n] Consultation [. . .] 22[d]. Septemb[r].)

19. Captain Winter when wee demanded the Cargoe he had broug[ht] from Bengal, of him, answer'd to that, he had sign'd bills of ladin[g] to deliver the same in England, and that therefore he Design'd after refiting his ship, to return hither and take it in again and in the mean time he wanted to lodge it in secure godowns, Wee thereupon offer'd him a Company's serv[t]. to assist the people he should leave here, to look after it, which wee told him could be necessary, to prevent any Damage happening by the leaking of a godown or from the white aunts or otherwise since his return he has Delivered over the whole Cargoe except [*lacuna*].

SECONDLY GOODS FROM EUROPE.

20. As wee had Twenty five Chests of silver, left after supplying the China ships, Wee Dispatch'd the Devonshire with it to Bengal without detaining her for any respect, The other ships carried eighty Chests more of silver, and seventy five of Rupees, which except what put on board the China ships, & reserv'd for Vizagapatam, is all the silver wee have recied this Year. Wee read with great satisfaction your Honours approval of our sending all the silver to Bengal the former year and when ever our Cash encreases to a larger sum then sufficient for our own Demands, wee shall not fail to purchase silver to send thither.

21. In answer to your remark on the price paid for the French silver, wee begg leave to tell your Honours that your not having sold any silver for several seasons, is a very good reason for the Price being higher then when you used to sell, since so large a supply was thereby Cut off, and that our purchasing the French silver to send away made yet a greater scarcity here, and did undoubtedly enhance the Price. The Difference between the rate at which wee bought [that] silver and which wee have now sold it, is also to [be accounted] for, by the Disappointment wee were then [put to by the] non arrival of our Manilla ship, & [*a few words lost*]ing her Cargoe behind, whereby [*a few words lost*] this place, which would other [*a few words lost*] lower'd the Price.

22. The Cake of silver mentioned to you to [*lacuna*] Invoice, and of which a piece was sent [you . . .] in a little bagg, was sent from the Warehouse directly to the Mint, to be Coined for Bengal, and the piece was there cut off in order to be assay'd. The mark on the bag was accidental it being as wee suppose among bagg on which some person who receiv'd it of Tomby Chitty had wrote his name, but the Chest was deliver'd to him or any one else except the Essay Master.

23. Wee have receiv'd no wine from Persia nor indeed has any ship arriv'd here this season from thence, The Madera Wine Your Honours were [so] good to send us, and which wee last year gave you [hopes] would fetch a great price, sold in a Medium [at] no more then at Thirty three and three quarters Pagodas ℔ Pipe occasion'd partly by the quantity being then usual, and partly by a Considerable quantity of Cape wine brought to the Coast by the Danes ship, The leakidge has been in all eight Pipes thô survey'd on board and found in good Condition ([a]Consultat[n]. 6 Sep[r]. Consult[n]. 23 July.)

24. Wee make it a Constant rule to sell all goods of Considerable value at Outcry, the woollen goods only excepted which are on Contract to your Merchants, as your Honours will observe has been done this Year in the sale of the Madera Wine, the Lead and the China Cargoe ([e]Consultation 11[th]. August, Septemb[r]., [*lacuna*] Consultation 11[th]. June 27[th]. July, Consult[n]. 13[th]. March 27[th]. May).

25. The Consumption of Broad Cloth on this Coast has been exceeding small for some time and still continues so, insomuch that our Merchants will not be brought to make any Indent by this ship : Wee take all imaginable care to confine the consumption of it to this Coast, least the sale of what is sent to your other settlements should be prejudiced thereby.

26. [There will] allway's unavoidably be a waist in the [*a few words lost*].

27. [We have alrea]dy told your Honours, that our Merchants are not to be prevail'd upon to make an Indent for Broad cloth this year, when the Time came that they were to pay for what deliver'd them the last, they declared themselves absolutely incapable of doing it, as the Cloth still lay in our hands and wee sencible of the utter impossibility there was, for them to raise such a sum, wee [. . .] d'd to allow them twelve months more Credit they paying interest on the amount, They have accordingly executed a Bond, for Ninety two thousand six hundred [and] nineteen Pagodas, eight fanams, the value there[of and] are very pressing with us to recommend them to Your Honours to be excused the Interest, which wee can do in no other manner then by refering you to the account given last year of the many Difficulties they then lay under and w^{ch}. still subsist, They have contracted for [wh]at received this Year, but wee fear will be as unable to pay for that when due as they are now for the former Parcel, however as we do not deliver it to them till they pay for it there can be no other disappointment thereby but in point of [time] [^{h}Consulta-tion 9th. Aprill ^{c}Consult^{n}. 17th. Aprill, ^{c}Consulta^{n}. 30th. Aprill, ^{k} Consulta^{n}. 30th. Aprill].

28. The Manilla ship was sail'd before wee recieved the fifty Bales of blue Cloth for that market and as we have Indented for more to come next year wee shall sell this parcel.

29. We acknowledge with great thankfullness the encouragement given to our China voyage by your Honours indulging us in the quarter of a Dollar in ten Pagodas.

30. In relation to the wollen goods indulged your Commanders, wee last year transmitted to you a Copy o[f our] Merchants petition setting forth the prejudice it was [to them] in their sales to which we beg to be refered.

31. [On] the arrival of the Lyell from China [*a few words lost*] wee last year wrote your Hon^{rs}. [*a few words lost*] for money that we were obliged [*a few words lost*] chests of silver [she] brought [*a few words lost*] but also to Purch[ase from the] Supra Cargoes and Captain all the gold they brough[t along with them] in silver on the arrival of our ships. The [rates which wee Contra]cted with them at were fifteen Dollars for [ten Pa]godas dearer then which (except perhaps that some small parcels might have been sold at fourteen and three quarters) silver has [not] been this year, and to receive of them Madrass Pagodas at three $\mathfrak{P}^{r}$ cent aley; It is true the Difference between our new Pagodas and the old Madrass is but one and a sixteenth, but had wee sold the silver to be paid in that specie it must have been at fifteen and a quarter at least, because there is more then two per Cent in the value between them and the adulterated Pagodas which go about the country. [^{m}Consulta^{n}. 21st. March, D^{o}. 31st. March].

32. When we made this Purchase of gold [we did] not expect a supply of thirty three thousand pago[das] which we afterward receiv'd from Bombay by the Compton, and wee judg'd the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam would want at least Twenty to Twenty five thousand Pagodas more then did and procur'd accordingly. But they afterwards desir'd that sum might be sent them in Rupees, by which means there not being occasion for so many Madrass pagodas as wee before calculated, we order'd the remainder of the Gold to be Coin'd into the new species for our own use, and receiv'd the remainder of the mony due for the silver sold likewise in that Coin which has occasioned some loss, however as there has been no Interest paid for mony, which without those supplies there must have been to a Considerable amount, This small loss is more then compensated thereby, as well as that occasioned by selling the large quantity of fanams that lay in our Cash Chest that were sold for the same

reason, and on which the loss is only imaginary there having been as great a gain made on them when they were first Coin'd [[n].Consulta[n]. 17[th]. Aprill [o]Consulta[n]. 28[th]. Feb[y].].

33. Wee put the Cargoe receiv'd by the Wyndham up at outcry, and sold it all except the Tutanague which wee bought up again, because wee had rec'd a price Curr[t]. from the President and Council of Bengal, wherein they put it down [at tw]enty Rupees per Maund, or Thirty eight an[d . . .] pagodas per Candy which was a [good deal more than what it] would fetch here, and wee ther[efore resolved to send it] thither but the ship not a [*a few words lost*] in Town for [*a few words lost*] it at [*a few words lost*] To advantage at least [at the usual] price with what it would fetch in the Bay, [but to our great] surprise only one lott sold at Thirty eig[ht . . .] therefore afterwards accepted of the Preside[nts offer . . .] hundred Candies at that rate, and sent the rest down [to B]engal where wee hear by private han[ds] it was sold for nineteen and a half Rupees per maund at six months trust [[p]. Consulta[n]. 13[th]. March [q]Letters recd N°. [*lacuna*] Consulta[n]. 11[th]. June[r] [s]Consulta[n]. 18[th]. June].

34. There was a Deficiency [of] one ounce in the weight of the Gold by the Wyndham, an[d t]hree tales four Mace, nine Candareens in that by the [Comp]ton, but the silver by the former ship weighed one penny weight more then Invoiced. The Supra Cargoes of her say the Difference must proceed from the scales and weights, The[se] of the Compton that the shroffs on the Malabar Coast using rough Touchs [tones] have probably occasioned some loss, and the rest [. . ca]us'd by the Difference of the weights; The acco[ts]. of the [coin]age of the several parcels of gold are all enter'd [in] the Consultation Books [[t]Consultation 21[st]. March, Consultation [. . .] May [w]Consult[n]. 31[st]. Mar[h] [x]Consulta[n]. 23 May [y]Consult[a]. 9[th]. [Septem[r].] Consult[n]. 30[th]. Aprill D°. 27[th]. May].

35. When the Dispatch of the Wyndham and the other ships for China, came to be debated, observing in the Prince Augustus's Invoice three thousand & five hundred hundred weight of lead, wee suppos'd your Honours desi[red] it as a part of her Cargoe to that Port, but as lead was worth more in Madrass then it could reasonably be supposed to sell for in China, wee could not take it at the price it bore here, nor could wee suppose your Honours would part with it to that ship at the English price; We therefore judg'd it would be agreable to your Intentions to put it on board your own ship Wyndham at the English price as part of the Cargoe wee were to lade on her, and proposed the doing it, but the Supra Cargoes objecting thereto a long Debate arose between us, in which several arguments for and against sending it by the Wyndham were urged; among others those gentlemen made use of one which induced us to Comply with them, Viz[t]. That must sell this lead in barter for goo[d lead] they should probably be obliged to take bad in [. . .] wee were unwilling to furnish them with [. . .] in case any part of their Cargoe proved [. . . .] my Censure from y[r]. Honours from such [. . .] lead, all but fifty Tonns which they [. . .] notwithstanding it was so much [. . .] dispose [. . .] Wee [. . .] put up one thousand Candies at outcry and [. . .] another parcell in February next [. . .] advance the last sale declared our [. . .] not to sell any more till then. ([z]Consult[n]. 8[th]. Apr[ll]. 10[th]. [Apr]ill Consulta[n]. 11[th]. June).

36. There have been some few errors in the Invoices receiv'd this Year from England, it is eighteen Bales of Auroras by the Prince Augustus, invoiced thirty [. . .] Cloths instead of fifty four, this was afterwards corrected [. . .] Later Invoice, The Lead by the Devonshire was cast [at] seventy five pounds five shillings & six pence short and by Lethieullier there were a parcell of scrapers invoic'd at eleven shillings each so cast up, which used to be no [mo]re then eleven pence. [[bb]Consulta[n]. 11[th]. June [cc]Consult[n]. 31[st]. July].

37. There has been only seven Bales of [Broad] Cloth damag'd this Year, which the Captains have [delivered the] Warehousekeeper, but as wee receiv'd very little [station]ary ware, wee have been oblig'd to order our storekeeper to purchase some for our use, and for the subordinate Factories. ([dd]Consult[n]. 6[th]. Aug[t]. [ee]Consult[n]. 10[th]. Aug[t].).

38. There having been a parcell of Druggets and Camblets in our Warehouse for several years that are in very little demand we have determin'd to prevent any damage which may happen by longer keeping, to sell them at outcry, and some Cordial waters that lye there also but are never asked for, wee shall also sell of all Articles in the storehouse Yearly which wee have reason to apprehend will decay or be Depreciated by keeping. (ffConsulta^{n}. 27th. Aug^{t}.).

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

39. We gave so full an Account last year of the several steps taken to encrease your investments on this Coast, and of the encouragements wee gave your Merchants, that we shall not have occasion to take up your Honours time [more than] we otherwise should; The Investments at [the two] Northern settlements go on very well, and [. . .] of upwards of Two Hundred Bales from [. . .] we have sent down to Vizagapatam [. . .] to Your Honours Thirty Thousand [. . .] And Four Thousand [Pagodas . . .] to [*lacuna*] Twenty thousand Pagodas, all [. . .] us shall be invested, our Cloth from Po[rto Novo] equally as good as that last year receiv'd from th[ence] and we have advanced this season to [*lacuna*] son for the Father Died the beginning of the year [*lacuna*] Thousand Pagodas: At Fort S^{t}. Davids the Merchants have made a Contract for one thousand Bales and have brought in already on that account upwards of ffourteen Thousand Pagodas's worth, [wee] have contracted here for fifteen hundred Bales, and hav[e advanced] Twenty two thousand Pagodas' for Cloth brought in on that account so that as we already mention'd under the head of Shipping we shall have goods enough for the Prince Augustus, and at least sixteen hundred Bales more to [send by] January, our present Contract is on the same [terms as] the last which was pretty well comply'd with by [Tomby Chitty] and we are in hopes he will exert him self [more this] year since wee have assur'd him he cannot expe[ct to be rele]iv'd in the article of Interest which he is to pay on th[e am]ount of this Debt for Broad Cloth, but by his zeal in promoting and increasing the Provision of Whited. The Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^{t}. David have Contracted on terms not much Differing from those of last year, that is to say the Blue Cloth at the same price, Salempores about five per Cent Cheaper, long Cloth ordinary twenty seven per Cent dearer, and for a new sortment call'd by them Sallem Cloth because it comes from that Province forty four and fforty three pagodas per Corge, There terms were proposed by the Merchants of that place themselves and they might undoubtedly have been oblig'd to stand by them but as unavoidable and unforeseen accidents since have greatly advanc'd the price of Cloth there, wee found ourselves under a necessity of receeding from the letter of the Contract and of promising them that wee would not let them be sufferers in the Price, provided only they would comply with the other parts of their Contract and keep up to the quantity and goodness. The French have nine ships for the Coast & Bay of which they now send home three, The Danes provide Cloth this year for three [ships] The Portugues's separate stock ship contracted for Thir[ty Thousand] Pagodas's worth in the Country about Fort S^{t}. [David w^{h}.] has considerably advanced the Price, & to add to [*this misfortune*] there is just arriv'd a Sweedish ship [upon the Coast] which will still encrease the difficulty [of investment notwithstanding which we cannot but please [ourselves w^{h}. the thought of being able to send home Some [Acc^{t}. of] Tho[usand Bales of Callicoes this year to yo^{r} Hon^{rs}. & hope that this our the above mention'd disappointments will shew yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. our utmost endeavours to obviate such Difficulties [as appear insurmou]ntable.

40. We have not put in practice the liberty you are pleas'd to give us of making a greater number of sortments then usual or taking in Cloth that is not the lengths or Breadths comonly sent home, neither have we bought of any species w^{ch}. we have not usually contracted for or enlarg'd the proportion of the fine sorts, because we observe the reasons y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. consent to this [are only] to advance the provision of the Coast Cloth, & as we have th[rough] great application brought the Investment into such unexpected good order without using these extraordinary methods, we judge it will be much more pleasing to you to find it go on in the

usual Course, especially since we have Bales sufficient for all the Tonnage, If hereafter we should find a necessity [to increase] it we shall make use of the liberty y°. are pleas'd to [grant us].

41. When we told your Hon^rs^. that the qua[ntity of Cotten] in a piece of Cloth paid the Value much more then [its work]manship, We should have added that the Cotten is b[o^t^. w^h^.] a great part of the shels & husks in it & that it Looses Considerably in Cleaning, That it is afterwards deliverd to the Spinner, who receive their wages in specie & Deliver back only one half to the proprietor, so that one piece of long Cloth allowing for the waste in Cleaning & the Charge in spining takes up near a maund of Cotten which at the price of Twenty eight Pagodas's ℔ Candy come to one Pagoda & seven fanams for the Cotten to which if we add the weaving & some other little Charges we shall soon reckon Twenty fanams or Thirty five Pagodas's ℔ Corge the prime Cost of Tomby Chitty's Cloth.

42. We have let the gentlemen at Vizagapatam & Ingeram know how acceptable their services have been to yo^r^. Hon^rs^. & the quantity of Cloth which we are [*lacuna*] them by this year will shew that this encouragement has it's due affects on them ([b]Letters sent N°. 29 & N°. 28).

43. We have recd & shall regulate ourselves as near a[s] possible by the list of Investment & hope our endeavours to Comply therewith will shew w^th^. what Zeal we pursue the Methods, w^ch^. appear to us most for [our interest].

44. [. . .] answer to the notice y°. are pleasd to take of his [. . .] Coffee for the Cadogan prime Cost, assures y^r^. Hon^rs^. [. . .] of his shall ever Interfere w^th^. y^r^. Interest, [. . .] occasion.

45. At [. . . out] Villages there are no Duties paid by the Inhabi[tants on betel] Tobacco &c^a^., but their places are not proper for [weavers for want of . .] groves of Trees & many other Conveniences, to w^ch^. [. . .] in all large & populous Towns & the parts adjacent to the [m] provisons of all kinds for the poor must be Considerably dearer then in the Villages in the Country, w^ch^. difference of the cost of provisions will at least equal the charge of Carriage & Juncan. That this [is] so appears from our getting so much Cloth from Worriapollam & Sallem the former of w^ch^. is Twenty days travell for an ox from hence, Besides that the Demand for Cloth for the Consumption of the people in populous Country's takes up the labour of a great [part of] the Inhabitants & all the Cloth that is made in those parts of [the Co]untry are a farr more uneven thread & thinner Texture occasion'd from the imediate vent the weaver finds for it however as the bringing the weavers into our bounds must be a work of time if it be practicable at all we shall not be u[n] mindfull of it.

46. The Cloth offerd by [the Arme]nian Merch^ts^. was what he had bought for the Manilla [trade] but on our forbidding Cloth of the sortments usually p[rocured for] y°. to be sent thither, it lay on his hand & we agreed [to buy it at] a Certain price, but it proves not of proper lengths & br[eadth]s was therefore refus'd, We shall always encourage anybody that is willing to provide Cloth for y°.

47. After the Dispatch of this ship the Presid^t^. will goe to Fort S^t^. David, & give all proper encouragement to weavers & other usefull people to Convene to the Bounds, & in Janua^y^. we shall send y°. an account of what measures have been taken for the improvem^t^. of the Place.

48. The Presid^t^. & C°. of Bengall wrote to us this year to provide Cotten to be sent down on y^r^. ship, on w^ch^. wee order'd our Warehousek^r^. to enquire if there was any in Town procurable, & wrote them back that we had so done, but for want of their informing us of the price we were at a Loss to know how to buy it, which they have been pleas'd to call making an excuse for not doing & to treat as a great injury to your Hon^rs^. since as they tell us Cotten would not sell under Sixteen Rupees, & we must know when sent on one of y^r^. own ships without paying Freight or Comission would sell for pr[ofit]. To this we need only answer that it was the 9^th^. Feb^y^. that their Letter arriv'd [at which time it was too late to bring it from Northward [ports as] y^r^. ships with Cargoes of sixty or sevinty Thousand pounds ar[e too precious] to be venturd at those wild ports the Cotten is [brought . . .] for the sake of

purchasing a small quant[ity] [and] that at a risque whether anything wou'd [. . .] it or not, There was therefore no way [. . .] the price was Twenty four Pagodos's [*a line lost*] Fourtee[n . . . M]auud for Cotten is sold by the great Maund and [. . . bales of] Cotten are only 12 & 13 rupee's, so that had we [bought it we would] have got nothing by it & besides there had been [no good price] for it since we had near two hundred Tonn of tut[enagu]e, as much red wood a quantity of Iron, fifty pipes of Madera & Several other things to send on y^r^. ship which was as much as they could take in, neither had we mony at that time to have bought any but it was all employ'd in the Investm^ts^. (Letter recd N°. 17 [h]Con^n^. 12 Feb^y^. [c]Letters sent N°. 20 [k]Letter recd N°. 68 [l]Consulta^n^. 30 Ap^ll^.)

49. We last Year Demanded Two Thousand [baggs] of Salt Petre from Bengal in case we should be able to disp[atch an] early ship, but the Presid^t^. & C°. there being disappointed of the expected quantity could send us only Tw[e]lve hundred baggs we were therefore oblig'd to pick up some in Town sufficient just for Lethieullier, and we had wrote in the most pressing terms [for two] Thousand baggs to be here the begining of December for [the Prince] Augustus, but as the Eyles is lost we have hers now [with us w^ch^.] with what we have since desired them to send by the [. . .] will be sufficient for that Ship & to supply ourselves [for the] season, We have further demanded Tw[o] Thousand [baggs on] such ship or ships as they shall send to take in the Ey[les] Cargoe. ([m]Consult^n^. 22^d^. May [n]Letters sent N°. 39 [o]Letter sent N°. 85).

50. [p]Capt^n^. Sheppeard has requested five hundred Baggs of Salt Petre over and above his Kantelage by Charter party w^ch^. we have granted him & his seperate bill of lading comes in the Packet ([p]Cons^n^. 13 Aug^t^.)

51. Under this head we are to acquaint y^r^. Hon^rs^. that we were necessitated to send another assistant to M^r^. Sanderson at Ingeram & to allow him the expence of feeding two horses, we have also allow'd him to entertain 6 Packers & 15 Peons at Constant pay, The Investment there being so much encreas'd as to make that additional number of Servants really necessary, We had six Hundred Bales from thence last Year, & are promis'd a greater quantity this so that we hope Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will beleive we have not allow'd any Charge that could be avoided, as to sending one of the Councill of Fort S^t^. David to him, there has been one Vacancy at that board for a Considerable time, & they have only Foxall & Fowke under Council there ([q]Consult^n^. 28^th^. Feb^y^.).

FOURTHLY TOUCHING [THE] TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL & THEREIN [ANY TRANSACTIONS] W^TH^. THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

52. The new Pagoda [will] we hope in a little time become Current in [all] the branches of Trade as well as the Negapatam since they are of the same weight & finess but it must be a work of Time, Our assay Master assures us, he is very exact & watchfull to prevent any foul Practices in the Mint.

53. We last year sent y^r^. Hon^rs^. Copies of orders given to the heads of the several weaving [Towns] hereabouts to Direct their People to work for our Merch^ts^. [only] w^ch^. we hope has been looked upon as a proof that our behaviour to the Gover[n]ment not only inoffensive but agrea[ble], And it is the greatest satisfaction we find y^r^. Hon^rs^. so favourable & at the same tim[e hold so] just an opinion of us that no Temptation will induce us [to involve] Y^r^. affairs with the Goverm^t^.

54. We also told y°. [that we] should send the usual Present to the Nabob & Duan [on their being] Confirm'd, we sent it up soon after the Walpole sail'd [all in Europe] manufacture to the amount of one Thousand Pagodas's w[^ch^. w]as recd w^th^. great satisfaction [[s]Cons^n^. 28 Feb^y^.].

55. We have no advice how the affairs of Bengal stand w^th^. The Goverm^t^. but suppose the Presid^t^. & C°. have given y^r^. Hon^rs^. particular acco^ts^. thereof in the Packet they sent us by the Tryton & w^ch^. we forward by this ship.

56. On the arrival of the Prince Augustus we immediately apply'd out Thoughts to sett that Voyage forward but the accidents that have for two years attended the China Market gave the Inhabitants an Ill opinion of it however we were determin'd if there was the least prospect of success to proceed, accordingly we made a Calculate of a Voyage w^th^. the stock y^o^. were pleas'd to appoint by w^ch^. there was a gain of 18 or 19 ℔ C^t^. supposing gold on w^ch^. the whole Depended, to be bought at one hundred & five but y^r^. ship Windham last season was obliged to bring back most of her silver, and that our silver w^ch^. was left behind the year before out of the Richmond to be laid out in gold was als[o] retur'd us, because gold was not procurable we judged it highly improbable that the Supracargoes should be able to provide one Thousand [shoes at] any price so as to Come away in Time to save her passag[e] [to England] & as every Tale addition to y^r^. Cost of the Gold if pro[curable is] almost one ℔ C^t^. loss to the Voyage & that shoul[d the ship] loose her Passage by staying for it if not procurabl[e a disadvant]age w^ch^. the Voyage would by no means bear [*a few words lost*] y^r^. Hon^rs^. And further for that the silver [*a few words lost*] & Compton & that paid The Sup[ra Cargoes for] Gold bought of them had lessen'd our supply so [that what is the] remainder would hardly be sufficient for this [season and for] her to go with the afforesaid stock of sixty Thou[sand Pagodas of] Consequence that the Devonshire must go to [Ben]gal without one ounce of silver w^ch^. would undoubtedly be of Vast Detri[ment] to y^r^. affairs there, For these reasons therefore we judg'd it of advantage to lessen the stock of the Prince Augustus, & to see if a Voyage might not be made, by that means, accordingly a new scheme was drawn up w^th^. only sixty Thousand Pagodas's stock by which the gain was bet[ween] 16 & 17 ℔ C^t^. & only 250 shoes or thereabouts wanted which be[ing] only 2/5 of the whole stock, 2½ Tales addition to the Cost of the Gold makes but 1 ℔ C^t^. in the Voyage, so that Supposing the Gold Cost 110. the profit is still upwards of 14 ℔ C^t^. and on this scheme the ship [is] gon & will we flatter our selves make a [gain eq]ual to the Calculate, Since the late bad market in China [has preve]nted any ship going thither from Bombay this year [and as Y^r^. Hon^rs^.] have no round about ship this season there is we [think a reas]onable prospect of success, We have given very possi[tive orders] to the Supra Cargoes to leave China the 10^th^. of Novemb^r^. [& we likewise] dare promise y^r^. Hon^rs^. she will have an early Dispatch home. ([b]Cons^n^. 11 May., Letters sent N^o^. 42, Consult^n^. 5^th^. May).

57. We have only to add the Acco^t^. that We appointed the Capt^n^. w^th^. M^r^. W^m^. Monson Supra Cargoe's, but the latter of them declining the Voyage, we have sent M^r^. Christop^r^. Craddock in his room. The Confidence y^r^. Hon^rs^. are pleas'd to place in us in this particular & the ordering such a Cargoe as we thought would best turn to Acco^t^. has embolden'd us to alter the propos'd Voyage, And as it has appear'd Infinitely more advantageous to y^o^. as the state of y^r^. affairs here stood, then to have pursued the first scheme, We hope w^ch^. we have done will meet y^r^. Hon^rs^. approbation as well as the freight agreed for the ship, since by the scheme it appears the Voyage would bear no more, & that it saves y^o^. all the Demorage.

58. We acknowledge our error in not sending the Walpole to Tranquebar & shall be more exact & cautious in the like Case in Future. There have arriv'd two ships upon our Coast this year, The first the separate stock ship from Lisbon The other a Sweeds ship, with M^r^. Barrington (lately one of y^r^. servants here) Supra Cargoe, The former only Contracted for Thirty Thousand Pagodas's worth of Cloth & [is gone] to Bengal, The other is just arriv'd & is endeavour[ing to] make a settlement at Porto Novo, We have on [our meeting with] these Vessels forbid our Inhabitants to have [any dealings] w^th^. them & our Presid^t^. has obtain'd an order from [the Renter of] S^t^. Thome to his Deputy to Embarrass the [business of the former] as much as [possible a Copy] of w^ch^. [was ordered to be sent in the] Packet.

And we promise our utmost [endeavours] to Impeed their Business, What acco^ts^. we may have to [give about the pro]ceedings of the Sweeds we must refer to the supple[ment the . . .] that ship being so lately arriv'd on this Coast ([f]Letters . . .] Received N^o^. & N^o^. [h]Cons^n^. 7 [M . . .]).

59. We have allways kept a Store of Rice & Paddy in the Town since our Famine, In the beginning of the Year we bought in a fresh supply, & when the Boats arrive shall buy in more being sensible of the necessity of so doing for the support of our Garrison & other servants in Case of Famine (cConsultn. 17th. & 30th. Aprll.).

60. In answer to what y[r. Honrs.] write of our sending Mr. Palmer to Pegue we begg leave to [state] that he came hither from Persia & as we hear Traveled from [Tur]key to those Parts, as he was very Capable of business & master of several languages particularly the Persian [and M]oors We pitched upon him to be Residt. at Pegue a post too inconsiderable to be [held] by any free Merchts. of figure, or fortune, but as he has not [proved him]se[l]f in that employ equal to what we expected we have [removed him].

61. We have taken [into conside]ration the measures proper for recovering the Patan Mer[chants] that & many other things proper to be examin'd into for the goo[d of] the Place will take up a Considerable time we must defer giveing a fuller answer to such part of yr. letter as relates to them till January (kConsn. 27th. Augt.).

62. The ships from all parts this Year thô they have not had so good sales as we could have wish'd have nevertheless retur'd safe from their several Voyages, Those to Bussera's, Persia excepted of wch. we have as yet no news, & we are apprehensive that the War between the Persians & Turks have detain'd them there, The Judda ship bringing a report that the former have Beseiged & taken Bussero, We have also been alarm'd wth. advices of a Dutch ship that Turn'd Pyrate in the begining of the Year and was met & attacked by two Dutch Ships in the mouth of the Persian Gulph from whence she made her escape but we have since heard she is destroy'd. On the other Angria is grown more powerful & formidable than Ever occasion'd by the Death of the Syddee wch. has given an Oppertunity to the [*lacuna*] Rajah's to enter & seize upon the Teritories of the Deceas'd Prince the seaports & Naval Armament wher[eof] he has deliver'd to Angria wch. makes us very apprehensive for those ships wch. shall on the Malabar Coast the season [*lacuna.*]

63. We have also recd advice from Tellicherry of the appreh[ensions they are] under of the Arms of the King of Canara & of the Method[s which the] Cheif & Factors there in Conjunction with the French to [ok to check his] further Progress; The French Gentlemen at Mah[e have shown] an Inclination to receed [from] their engage[ments & transmitted] accots. thereof to us, [so that] we might [write to the Governor & Council of Pondichery] to order them [strictly to] adhere [*a line lost*] Two settl[ements and to] secure them or their Trade.

[64.] We mention'd to yr. Hons. last Year a [demand made on Mr. Sand]erson by the Nabob of that Country on accot. of [a suit] between one Abdul Regaih & Shaek Ixerazulla wch. we [hav]e heard nothing more of this season & hope we shall not hereafter.

65. The only Article remaining under this Head to be reply'd to is the Letters we have recd from Yr. Honrs. this Year is the state of the Trade from one part of India to the other, & we must [begin] this subject by returning yr. Honrs. our most gratefull thanks for [the] Trouble yo. have given Yr.selves on this occasion in search-[ing in]to the Causes of our Complaints & endeavoring to apply remedies [to] them, wch. as we think them the best Calculated for that effect so [we] doubt not they [wi]ll put if not a Totall yet a Considerable stop [to the] Mischiefs we have so long felt, & it is not improbable but [friendly] union & wel Concerted schemes of Trade between the Presid[ent and us] again give us those advantages over our rivals ye. French [wh. were] of late Years lost to them. As we could foresee no Cause [why the gent]lemen in the other Presidencies should not Comply wth. [a cause] so equitable & so apparently Calculated for the general benefit, we thought proper to give notice at our sea gate of our resolutions to Act Conformable thereto that no person under Jurisdiction might engage in any Voyages wch. should prove Detrimental to the Comunity, or if they did should have Cause to Complain for being Restraind in such attempts, some Time after which we sumon'd all the Inhabitants & made such proposals for entering into Joint measures wth. the Presidenc[i]es of Bombay & Bengal

as seem'd to us the most equitable & proper, w^ch^. we have already Transmitted to the latter of those Places, & shall very shortly to the other, By these steps w^ch^. we have already taken Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will see it shall not be our fault if the scheme y^o^. have propos'd to us do not take effect. We beg leave to add our solemn assurances that the Confidence y^o^. have in so peculiar a manner been pleas'd to repose in us shall [n]ever be abused by our making use of the Power y^o^. have given us in a manner different from what We judge to have been y^r^. Intentions in doing it or Contrary to the true interest of y^e^. Settlem^t^. There happen'd uppon this occasion a Dissent at the Board from M^r^. Peers who took exception to the manner of expression used in the Paper affixed at the Gate as asserting, that y^r^. orders were possitive, w^ch^. he judged were on-[ly recom̃]endatory, as both the Paper itself & his object[ion were tran]smitted to y^o^. by this ship we shal not trouble y^r^. H[onour with a] particular reply thereto but leave them to y^r^. Obser[vation with] only this one Remark [that] at the latter end of his [Remonstrance to us] he is of opinion [that no] restraints at all [are necessary.] Cons^n^. & [Sep]tem^r^. [8^th^].

66. The Ca[uses Yo^r^. Honours] have [ass]ign'd for the decay of the Trade of India [seem to us only] just some of them unavoidably, such in particu[lar as the trade drove] by the French but this [bad] as it is was yet [. . .] the opposition w^ch^. we made to one another by sending ship [to t]he same parts on separate & sometimes Con[trary] Interests, We are in hopes these Methods we have propos'd to Bengal in Consequence to y^r^. orders wil prevent this Mischief for the future. The Errors in the Conduct of the Gentlemen at the Bay w^ch^. y^o^. are pleas'd to take notice of do not come under our Cognizance nor will become us to Censure our fellow servants, However thus much we [will]venture to say after y^r^. Hon^rs^. that the Faction & Division there [have] for many years detered us from entering into any engagemen[t w^th^.] them, Tis very Certain that the Moors & the Merch^ts^. of other [Nations] who penetrate into the Heart of the Country [buy] goods much cheaper then we can doe in the Bay & that when th[ey] have once [paid] the Customs in Bengal the[y] pay no more in any of the Moors [for twe]lve months yet this would not have prevented our Carrying [on trade] even in piece goods were it not that we have traded for [some years] past on soe precarious a footing.

67. We shall Thankfull[y make] use of the indulgence y^o^. are pleas'd to grant to our Manilla & other Trade of taking in such silk as shall appear not fit for the Europe Market w^ch^. when the Investment here was fallen to so low an Ebb we Carefully avoided least it should either in fact or in appear[ance] have been any hindrance to the advanceing it again.

68. As we are very sensible of the great expences y^o^. are at in maintaining Forts & Garrisons & that it [is] reasonable we who are Defended by them should pay a share of the expence, for w^ch^. End Y^r^. Customs here & at Surat & y^e^. Con-sul[age] at Bengal are Establish'd we shall [be] far from requesting any further Diminution of them then what y^o^. shall be induc'd at any time out of y^r^. own good-ness to indulge us w^th^.

69. As to the Consulage & brokerage paid at Surat, w^ch^. y^r^. Hon^rs^. are so good to tell us you have wrote about, we have not yet enterd into any negosiation w^th^. the Presidency thereupon but that as soon as Possible.

Fifthly Fortifications, Buildings, Repairs and Revenues.

[70]. When we ordered the Surveys of the Sea Gate & [Sea Gate Godowns] we apprehended there might heve been [occasions for con]siderable expence on them but as there was [*a few words lost*] then taking up part of the [*a few words lost*] master sett about it immediately Without [the Comi]tties delivering in a regular report w^ch^. we acknowledge to [be the proper] Method & w^ch^. we shall observe in future.

71. The Garden house at Fort S^t^. David is [finished] all but so[me of] the offices, in which such of the Materials of the old House as are not Decay'd or spoil'd are to be used and that Building is substantial & Cheap. When y^r^. President is at Fort S^t^. David a general survey of the Buildings there shall be made & all necessary repairs done out of hand.

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72. Our Powder House is intirely finished & [the] Magazine is Chunaming, the Acco^{t}. of the Cost of the latter wth. [the] Plan shall be sent in January when it is Compleated. We will use the Old[house] for making Powder, Having been busily empl[oyed] in finishing [the] Magazine.

73. the Ground sold to M^{rs}. Hart & Stratton [. . .] all w^{ch}. runs from the saluting Battery to S^{t}. Thomas's [Point] there were once some tyl'd warehouses for stores but they [are long] ago fallen down & better godowns provided for the stores. The [space] between the wall & the Houses next the Sea was for many years only a heap of Rubbish & Capt^{n}. Powney & M^{r}. Draper having houses on that side & wanting yard room were permitted to Purchase that part of the said wast ground as lay behind their Houses, & M^{rs}. Hart & Stratton have since bought the remainder at the prices usually paid for ground & wth. a Clause in their bills of sale in Case y^{e}. should have occasion for y^{e}. said ground to restore it.

74. We have nothing to add to our last Letter about Buildings but we have been oblig'd to repair the Banksall for grain after having upon a survey found it necessary to lay out about forty Pagodas's to be thereon, Thô the Mayer & Aldermen had Deliver'd in an Acco^{t}. amounting to Pagodas's six hundred forty four for that purpose & Demanded mony of us in order to sett about it. ([a]C^{o}. 31 July Cons^{n}. 10 Aug^{t}. Con^{n}. 28 Febru^{y}.).

75. The Seagate is now near Finished & the Expence of it paid by subscriptions of the Inhabitants all but what has been Collected out of the Town [*lacuna*] Duty, & as that is a Revenue w^{ch}. y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. have been pleas'd to grant us towards repairing & beautifying the Town, And as the Building at the Seagate is by farr the greatest ornament of Madrass [we hope] y^{e}. will not Think the Mony misapplied.

76. [. . . Cowles] have fallen this year th[e] settle'd revenues Continu[e [. . . .] at Fort S^{t}. David th[e] Arrack Farm is relett [*a few words lost*] Deal of Trouble the old Farmers [. . .] afferming they lost mony by it For the Variable reven[ue . . .] report sent you in July last will shew y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. [. . . recou]ver'd the loss of the preceeding Year, & when we send our Books [on the latter] shipping We shall add what further remarks are necessary [in] [This head, at present We shall only answer such [parts] of y^{r}. letter by the Prince Augustus. ([a]Letters recd N^{o}. [*lacuna*] N^{o}. [*lacuna*] & N^{o}. [*lacuna*] Consult^{n}. [*lacuna*] Letters sent N^{o}. [*lacuna*] & N^{o}. [*lacuna*]).

77. Your Hon^{rs}. may depend upon our being careful to receive the Customs on Coral as shall be most for your advantage the collecting them on the manifested Value we thin[k has] hitherto been so whenever we think it will be more beneficial to alter [that] Method it shall be done.

78. The Causes of the encrease [of trade of Pondi]cherry are the quantity's of Money they have of late years had [am]ong them, The making Pondicherry a Free Port of some Years [&] Settling only a Small Custom w^{ch}. has drawn many Merch^{ts}. [among th]em, The Trade of S^{t}. Thome & Jehor Bunder & a new Moors [port between] Conimeer & Sadrass, We shall be able to give a fuller ac[count in Jan^{ry}. to w^{ch}. we begg leave to refer. As to the refusal we ga[ve to the pro[posal for landing some Elephants at half Custom We a[ppear to] ourselves bound up, but since y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. have bee[n] now Pleas'd to [provide us] wth. Discretional power to Act as we see most for Y^{r}. Interest We shall whenever the Causes for deviating from y^{r}. Standing rules appear substantiall venture so to do.

79. Those Paragraphs in the Letter ℔ the Decker & Britania w^{ch}. relate to the revenues, and also those that concern the expences on the Coast will be more fully & more properly answer'd in January when We send our Books & when We have Come to [such] resolutions upon the several particulars mentioned in our Consultation of the 27th. Aug^{t}. To w^{ch}. we begg leave to refer.

80. The notes w^{ch}. were Deliver'd over by M^{r}. Fowk[es] to M^{r}. Hubbard, were not promisary notes for paym^{t}. on acc^{t}. of w^{t}. Customs Continued uncollected & from whom due they were paid in a short Time after M^{r}. Fowk's going away & his acco^{t}. releas'd.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS & THEIR ACCO[TS].

81. M[r]. Benyon arrivd here the 28[th]. June on t[he] Decker, w[th]. him Came M[r]. W[m]. Colebrook, & the other Gentlem[n]. Y[r]. Hon[rs]. permitted to Come out, On his arrival, Y[r]. Presid[t]. & he agreable to the Powers y[o]. had given them, upon M[r]. Fowke's desire to return to Madrass & M[r]. Declinin[g . . .] appointed M[r]. Hubbard the next in station to the [*sic*] Dep[uty Governor] of Fort S[t]. David, & M[r]. Benyon undertook the care of the Exp[ort Warehouse] The other alterations made hereby were [those] appoint[ed to] the Seagate M[r]. Burton to be [Land] Custom[er] in th[e . . .] & Accompt[t]. & in the room of [M[r]. . . .] place again at the Boa[rd] agreable [*a few words lost*] Yo [. . .] import Warehouskeep[r]. & M[r]. Morse recd the Ch[arge . . .] from M[r]. Burton, the Acco[t]. remains in the [. . . Books were] duly sign'd ([a]Cons[n]. 5[th]. July, Con. 16 July, 27[th]. Aug[t]. 26[th]. Sep[r].)

82. We have already mentioned the Death of M[r]. [Hyde] besides hi[m we] have this year lost M[rs]. Nicho[s]. Campbell & Wood Smart here & M[r]. Charles Burton at Fort S[t]. David, in the Place of M[r]. Smart M[r]. W[m]. Johnson is made writer at the Sea gate ([c]Cons[n]. 29[th]. June).

83. These several Deaths have reduc'd our number of Serv[ts]. very low there being now under the Councill only one & twenty Persons here, M[r]. Colebrook just arriv'd from England, M[r]. [Y]eates from Bencoolen, & M[r]. Jam[s]. Say whom Hon[rs]. permitted [us] to entertain.

84. Among the Military ther[e] have happen'd [the] following alterations, the first Ensign Williams & Amyand [to Ben]coolen, not asteeming the Person to whom they had given [commiss]ion proper for it, in their Place we made Serjeant Ja[s]. Price [℔ Edward] Lewis Ensigns w[th]. Ensign Peale whom We sent to Fort S[t]. David [. . .] Holland & Home have Called up from thence.

85. Of the last recruits we recd this Year We have sent Down to Fort S[t]. David near Eighty men being so many wanting to Compleat their Roles, the remainder after having Discharg'd fourteen among them Charles Llyod, & Buryed several more are but just anough to make up our Stated number as will appear by our Muster Roles.

86. As by the nearest Computation every Military man y[o]. send out stands You in near Twenty Pounds sterling, We apprehended & still doe that the engaging men who had served their time out & were therefore Season'd to the Country by so small a gratuity as five Pagodas's to Contract afresh for as long time as they at first obliged them selves to serve to be a piece of good Husbandry & of Service to your Hon[rs]. since as they are under Covenants for no more then five Year, We cannot detain them longer against their inclinations, The smalness of the sume which engages them seems to argue that t'is not on Acco[t]. of hardships, but out of an inclination for Change that the[y] desire to leave us.

83 [*sic*]. Your Presid[t]. acknoledges the too great Confidence he reposed in the late Secretary M[r]. Walsh & the rest of us our Error in not seeing the Cash Monthly examin'd & We shall strictly Observe [the rules you] have laid down relating [to it.]

87 [*sic*]. [. . .] Paragraph of our letter by the Princess of Wal[es . . .] Late Presid[t]. Had paid into Your Cash the Am[ount which he] had [recevd on acco[t]. the] Pagoda ℔ Bale, & that on the Cas[h . . .] following that sum what plac'd to the Credit of Acco[t]. [Current . . .] we did not apprehend a Necessity of repeating it in our Letter by the [Cado]gan.

89. We have again wrote to Vizagapatam about the Estate of Jos[h]. Goldfinch & in Jan[y]. Your Hon[rs]. may Depend upon a full Acco[t]. of it if he left anything behind him ([h]Letters sent N°. 71.)

90. When the Covena[n]ts came out we shall take care the orders relating to them be Comply'd with.

91. From the small number of servᵗˢ. we have here & at the subordinate settlemᵗˢ. Your Honʳˢ. [can] easily judge they are kept pretty close to Business, And when we assure yᵒ. the Persons we advance are such as have deserv'd it, We need add no more to show that we give them all pro[per] encouragemᵗ. to make themselves Masters of Yoʳ. Busine[ss. The En]crease of Luxury is not risen here to that height w[e find it] at Bengal As we have reason to Complain of Yʳ. Ser[vants there doing] Your Business. We have not yet determin'd a thing about reastablishing the General Table, as not seeing any amediate Necessity for so doing if hereafter We should find it otherwise, We shall be Carefull to [Fix it] on as Frugal a fotting as Possible.

92. Messʳˢ. Morse & Torriano have desir'd [us to] return their Humble thanks to Your Honʳˢ. for the Gratui[ty] order'd them, wᶜʰ. will be an incitement to them in Future to Merit further Favours by their application & Diligence.

93. Mʳ. Goddard is a very usefull assistant to the Chief & Cᵒ. of Vizagapatam, & has serv'd Yᵒ. several Years th[ere] & at Bencoolen, & We recomend it to Yoʳ. Honʳˢ. to take him, [in]to yʳ. Service, as being well qualifyed for it, he Came out a Free Mercᵗ. on the Duke of Cambridge wᵗʰ. yʳ. leave in the year 1720.

94. We shall Observe your Orders relating to suspencions, & never proceed thereto but in the Cases directed us of Infidelity or notorious breache's of Trust.

95. Mʳ. Peers & Mʳ. Foxley are reinstated & restor'd the Former to his Post in Comittee, The other to his employmᵗ. at the Sea gate, & return their thanks for Yoʳ. Favour to them promising to behave [in such] manner as they hope will be agreable to Yʳ. Honʳˢ. Mʳ. Mansell [. . .] himselfe in the Service shall not want proper encou[ragement].

[9]6. We have sent Mʳ. Monroe [down] surgeon of [Fort Sᵗ. David in the room] of Mʳ. Gray he shall succeed here th[e . . .].

97. [If The . . .] apply to us for leave to Build we shall indulge [*a few words lost*].

98. In Consequence of yʳ. Permission finding Mʳ. Jamˢ. Say Duely [Qua]lify'd for Yoʳ. service We have intertain'd him, several of the papers in the Packet & this letter wᶜʰ. is of his writing will Shew your Honʳˢ. that he is a very useful Assistant in Our Secretary's Office Where t'ill he was entertain'd there had been for some Months only two Persons wᶜʰ. our Secretary hopes will plead his excuse if there should [have] been any faults Comitted [in] his Business.

99. We have had no allowance for entertaining any other b[ut] Mʳ. Say, We could not Venture to admit Mʳ. Edwᵈ. Benyon who requests the like Favour & to Qualifye himself the Better now writes uuder the Secretary, his Birth is th[is place] & the expectation we have that he will follow his Fathers [example] in doing yᵒ. Faithfull services encourages us to recomend [him to] Yʳ. Favour.

100. Among the recruits last Year came one Thoˢ. Bliss, who had Formerly been sent home for his Mutinous behaviour, he proves much Worse since his Coming hither this Time, wherefore return him on this Ship & begg Yoʳ. Honʳˢ. *will never* entertain him again for he is perfec[t]ly Incorigible.

Seventhly Touching Accounts.

101. We wrote Yoʳ. Honʳˢ. last Year that we had recd Centoos proportion of salvage & had carre'd the Accoᵗ. to the Credit of Bengal Presidency being Pagodas's 1,014. 3. 45.

102. As We wanted Mony last Year We recd whatever was Offer'd on Accᵗ. of Deceas'd persons estates, the reason of our not doing it before was because we had Cash anough & therefore was unwilling to put you to the expence of Interest where there was not a necessity for it, but as You were pleas'd to allow it for the future We shall use liberty, There has not yet been anough recover'd of Captⁿ. Crossing's estate to pay his Debts.

103. The Estate of George Ramsay & Alexʳ. Smith shall be wrote off to Accoᵗ. Currᵗ. London, that of Lieutᵗ. Harristen was last year remitted [by] Bill.

104. We [have] Drawn the following Billes on Yᵒʳ. Honʳˢ. in Consequence of [. . .] for Retur[ns] of Coral & the Estates of Deceas'd Persons [payable at] two Months [sight] & Eight shillings ℔ Pago[da . . .] [. . .] Thir [. . .]

	£.	S.	D.			
1. 2ᵈ. 3ᵈ. Payable to Robᵗ. & Jane Norman on Accᵗ. the Estate of Thoˢ. Norman dated 25ᵗʰ. Augᵗ. Value of Nathˡˡ. Turner—£ 4,400—11,000. Pa.						
1. 2. 3. To Joⁿ. Drumond Esqʳ. dated 25ᵗʰ. Septʳ. value of Wᵐ. Johnson Accoᵗ. the Estate of Geoᵍᵉ. Treipland.						
1. 2. 3. To Messʳˢ. Abᵐ. & Jacob Franco & Mʳˢ. Elenor Cooke or Order	637	13	2¾	1594	5	49
1. 2. 3. To Messʳˢ. Abramᵐ. & Jacob Franco or order ...	116	15	2¼	291	32	32
1. 2. 3. To Dᵒ. ...	86	6	¾	215	27	28
1. 2. 3. To Jacob De Moses Franco or Order	275	9	9½	688	26	10
1. 2 3. To Judah Supino and Son or Order	237	2	7	592	29	52
1. 2. 3. To Abrᵐ. and Jacob Franco or order	806	19	1¾	2017	14	20
1. 2. 3. To Dᵒ. ...	431	7	5¼	1078	15	42
1. 2. 3. To Judah Supino and Son or order	176	15	6	441	33	64
1. 2. 3. To Dᵒ. ...	2[0]7	18	7	519	29	56
1. 2. 3. To David Gomez Serta or order	193	1	3	482	23	58
1. 2. 3. To Judah Supino and Son or Order	216	12	5¼	541	19	79
1. 2. 3. To Joseph and David Franco or Order	517	15	11¾	1,294	17	79
1. 2. 3. To Moses Espinoza & Jacob Abenafor Pementell or Order	223	3	4½	55	[. . ,]	
1. 2. 3. To Abrᵐ. & Jacob Franco or Order	404	3	7¾	[. . .]		
1. 2. 3. To Do. ...	1110	3	10¾	[. . .]		
1. 2. 3. To Judah Supino or Son or Order	349	19	¼	874	31	48
1. 2. 3. To. Dᵒ.	95	5	½	238	4	58
Seventeen Setts all dated 25ᵗʰ. Augᵗ. 1733 for Value recd. of Mʳ. Natˡ. Turner in return for Coral Vizᵗ.						
1. 2. 3. To Isaac Salvadore or Order	430	11	3½	1076	14	70
1. 2. 3. To Jaˢ. Porten Esqʳ. or Order	1102	11	10	2756	17	24
1. 2. 3. To Jacob Dias or Order	459	8	4	1148	19	44
1. 2. 3. To Jacob Mendes Da Costa or Order	289	6	1½	723	9	52
1. 2. 3. To Dᵒ. ...	569	19	2½	1424	32	38

1. 2. 3. To Isaac Salvadore or Order	1946	4	¾	4865	18	25
1. 2. 3. To D°. ...	251	10	6¼	628	29	30
1. 2. 3. To D°. ...	164	13	4¾	411	24	25
1. 2. 3. To D°. ...	401	7	5¼	1003	15	41
1. 2. 3. To Abr[m]. and Jacob Franco or order	533	4	6¾	1333	2	45
1. 2. 3. To Jacob Dias or Order	516	4	11½	1290	22	28
1. 2. 3. To Isaac Salvadore or Order	655	1	11	1637	26	51
1. 2. 3. To D°. ...	502	14	8¼	1256	30	10
1. 2. 3. To D°. ...	517	10	4¾	1293	28	64
1. 2. 3. To Moses Henriques Julian Jun[r]. or Order	1295	13	1¼	3239	4	78
1. 2. 3. To. D°. ...	515	4	1½	1288	—	46
1. 2. 3. To Abr[m]. & Jacob Franco or Order	1251	7	½	3128	13	61
Seventeen sets all Dated 5[th]. Sept[r]. 1733 for all value recd of the Hon[ble]. George Morton Pitt Esq[r]. in return for Coral...						
£	17,489	5	2	43,723	6	74
1. 2. 3. Dated 25[th]. Aug[t]. to Rob[t]. and [Jane Norman] or Order, value of Nath[ll]. Turner Acc[t]. the Estate of Tho[s]. Norman ...	4,400	—	—	11,000	—	—
£	21,889	5	2	@ 8 Shill[gs].		[54723 6 74]
1. 2. 3. Dated the 23[d]. S[ept[r]. payable to An] thony Da Costa or Orde[r]	1120	11	—	2801	13	40
1. 2. 3. D°.	1761	—	3½	4402	19	33
1. 2. 3. D°. J[ac]ob Dias or order	504	—	1½	1260	—	47

Value of M[r]. Geo[ge]. To[rrian]o in Return for Coral.

1. 2. 3. Dated 25[th]. Sep[r]. payable to Jo[n]. Drumond Esq[r]. or Order Value of W[m]. Johnson Acco[t]. the Estate of George Treipland	123	15	4¼	309	15	10
	3509	6	9¼	@ 8 Shill[s].		8773 12 50
				Pagodas's		63496 19 80

SUPPLEMENT.

105. In the fo[rmer part of our] letter we refer'd Yo[r]. Hon[rs]. to this head for a further Acco[t]. of the Swed[ish] ship, & our proceeding in Order to obstruct their business, Our Presid[t]. has been for some Tim[e] using his Interest w[th]. the Country Goverm[t]. to this affect but as they are as yet come to no Conclusion therein we can only say as Yet that our utmost endeavours shall be used to prevent their Success in this Pernicious undertaking.

106. Notwithstanding all the encouragement we last year wrote Yo[r]. Hon[rs]. We offer'd Suncaramah to engage him to Compleat his Contract, he has Continued Obstinate & has not brought in one Bale, We have therefore order'd our Secretary to Demand the amount of the Penalty of him.

107. We have given Mr. Parks one Years Salary, as a gratuity for his extraordinary Diligence when in the Secretary's office.

108. Five Persons have [deserted] from the Sweeds ship whom we have entertaind & at their [request] have put into the Gun Room, in hopes this encouragemt. [may induce] more of her People to leave her.

109. Yesterday arriv'd the Mary from Maddepollam wth. Bales.

110. The Register of Precious stones in the [. . .] ship amounts to 3,308. 24. The Captns. Register of goods t[o be sent] St. Helena Invoice is the same as that Design'd thither by [ship] Eyles, & the amount of the Cargoe for Europe wch. we wish safe to Yor. Honrs. is 122441. 22. 64. We are

Honble.

Fort St. George — Yor. Faithfull Humble. Servts.

1st. Octr. 1733. — George Morton Pitt, &cA.

Letter to Captain Jon. Sheppeard, dated October 1, 1733 [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 10, pp. 27–28.*]

To Captn. Jon. Sheppeard
Comander of the Ship Lethieullier.

Sr.

Having put on board Yor. ship all the Cargoe We Design to send by her to our Honble. Masters, We now Direct yo. immediately to repair on board & wth. the first Oppertunity of Wind and Weather set sail & make [the] best of yor. Way for the Port of London, & whatever part of great [Brita]in yo. shall first arrive at, We order yo. to send away Yor. [Purser] wth. the two Packets now Deliverd you, Directed to the [Honble. Court of Directors] for affairs of the Honble. United Compy. [of Merchants of England] Trading to the East Indies [to] whom Yr. Ship [goes consign'd] You must observe to write to them at the sam[e time yourself] an Accot. of whatever shall have happened to [you of consequence during] yor. Voyage.

We cannot too strictly recomend to you the avoiding any Ship at Sea, & particularly when you come near the Channel for fear of War, but if During your Passage yo. shall fall in wth. any of our Honble. Masters ships, We Possitively enjoyn yo. to keep Company wth. we do in obedience to an Order from the Honble. Court of Directors to this affect, & we are to Tell yo. they have declar'd that the Person who shall not observe this order (unless where unavoidably forc'd to break through it) shall be uncapable of their service.

They have also order'd Us to forbid any of their homeward bound Ships to go into the Cape, so that yo. must proceed Directly to S. Helena, & on yor. arrival their Deliver our [packet] & the Stores, yo. have on board for the Use of the Island [to the Govern.] & Co. there, but remember in going in to Anchor befor[e you come] open wth. Chappel Valley near Mundens point, & send yor. Boat ashore to let the Govr. know who yo. are, he having orders to Fire at all ships that do not observe so to do.

We wish yo. a good Passage & Date this in Fort St. George this 1st. Octr. 1733.

Letter to the Woksplr. Isaac Pyke Esqr. at Sr. Helena, Dated October 1, 1733. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 10, p. 28*].

To the Worsplr. Isaac Pyke Esqr.
Govr. &cA. Co. at Sr. Helena.

Worsplr. Sr. & Sus.

We have recd Yors. by the Harrington wth. the List of shipping for wch. We thank you.

Inclos'd y°. will find Bill of lading for Stores on this Ship, they were Design'd you by the Eyles from Bengal, but she being Cast away, we now forward them by the Letheiullier, We have sent y°. the Bengal Invoice of them & have noted at the foot what the several sorts have wasted During their being on board the Eyles & in Our Godowns, We are

WORSP^LL^. [S]^R^. & S^RS^.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE — Your Very Humb^le^. Serv^ts^.

1^ST^. OCT^R^. 1733. — [GEOR]GE MORTON PITT &C^A^.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^T^. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY, DATED [?]. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 10, pp. 29-62.*]

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIREC[TORS] FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HOÑBLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCH^TS^. OF ENGLAND TRADING [TO THE] EAST INDIES.

HON^BLE^. [S^RS^.]

In our's of the 1^st^. October last by the Lethieulier of which your Honours will receive a Copy on each of these ships, we gave you an Account of our proceedings, from the dispatch of the Walpole, and answer'd such parts of the Letters we had receiv'd from you this Year, as we were then able. The purport of this present Address will be to reply to the remainder of those Letters, and to continue our accounts of what we have since done, in Obedience to your Orders for the encrease [of y]our Investm^t^. and the General good of your settlements.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

By the Letheullier we advised your Hono[urs] upon what Grounds we had ventured to alter the [Scheme] you had laid down for a China Voyage in the Prin[ce] Augustus, and had sent a Cargo of only sixty thousand Pagodas, instead of sixty 60 thousand Pounds. We flatter ourselves the bare view of the [many] schemes drawn up at that time with the debate th[ereon] will convince Your Hon^rs^. we acted with a view to your Interest in so doing, and the success has made it very Evident we calculated right, since of the sixty thousand Pag^s^. 60,000 Pag^s^. sent on her she has brought back upwards of twenty thousand uninvested because of the excessive Price of Gold which held up all the season at One hundred and twenty Tale. This and many [more] disappointments that she has met with, as the excessive high Price of Tutana[gue,] and the low [rate at w^h^. he was] Oblig'd to sell his Tinn [we] have reduc[ed] [the Voyage] much lower than it was reasonable [to expect] notwithstanding which she has made if the Weight holds out, about 9 ℔ Cent valueing the Tutanague at thirty Eight Pagodas agreeable to the Price Currant rec^d^. from the President, and Council of Bengall by the Brittania to whom we shall send Y^r^. Proportion on the 1^st^. Conveyances that Offer, which with the return'd silver that we have also taken on Your Account will prevent a further increase of the Cash that in spight of all we can do swels considerably. The rest of the Cargoe was sold at Outcry, and produced rather more than the rates they were Estimated at in the sceme of the Voyage.

a Consultation 14 June Letter rec^d^. N°. 130.

Letter rec^d^. N°. 117.

The three Bombay ships we have been advis'd from thence all arriv'd in August. The Mary has been in Bengall, and she & the Royal Guardian sail'd from thence in November for Bombay. We wish they may reach that Port in time to answer Y^r^. Intention of sending the latter of 'em to the Bay.

By the Acco^t^. Curr^t^. of your Ship George Your Hon^rs^. will observe the cost of her is encreas'd two thousand six Hundred Pagodas occasiond by the Severe Storm, and other accidents she met with in the return from Fort Marlbro, that we advised of by the Letheulier. This and the length of the Passages both to, and from Bencoolen, that Voyage w^ch^. took up almost Ten months prevented her Earning any thing

that Year tho' her Expence, & Charges were still running on, She has since her return from Bencoolen been at Bengall and is now going again to the West Coast. We hope in the next Account we send Yr. Honours you'l find she has rather gain'd than [lost] must beg You'l be assured we neither suffer [her to be] idle nor put you to any Expence on her th[at may be avoided]. We had hopes to have seen the Madrass Galley from Benocolen before the depart[ur]e of the George but as thi[s] is the best season to send her away, we shall not wait for the Arrival of the other.

Secondly Goods from Europe.

We have nothing to add to our last under this Head except that We have recd. of the merchants in further part of their Bond for the Broad Cloth fourty four thousand Pagods. and are in hopes of more tho' we cannot promise ourselves the full amount of their Debt in the season. We wrote Yr. Honrs. by the Lethieulier they would not make a new Indent this Year for Cloth, and as we believe what we then said will be sufficient to show you, how very heavy that Article lies on yr. Merchants, and to engage you to forbear sending any for one Season, more we [should] not further enforce it. Consultation 13 Octor. 14 Novr.

We also then wrote you we wou'd sell the [Druggets] and Camblets remaining in our warehouse but have hitherto deferrd doing it, because the 3 months' last past are the [dullest] in the Year, and we therefore [judge] it woud be more advantageous to keep 'em a little long[er].

We shall agreeable to what we wrote you also by that ship put up another parcel of Lead to sale next month.

Thirdly touching Investment.

It is always a very great concern to us when we are Obligd to represent to your Honrs. the difficultys we meet with in carrying on our Investment. We beg your Honrs. to be perswaded there is nothing we have had so much at Heart, or has taken up more of our thoughts, and attention than this [gr]eat and Principal Branch of Yr. Business. The Regulations we have order'd at Fort St. David (of wch. we shall [give you] an Acct. in the Sequel) and others of the [same kind] which we propose here tho' not with the like [hopes of] success, have tended all to the same View, namely the [e]ncreasing of the Callico manufacture and Yr. Honrs. will be very easily convinced of the justice and necessity of those measures when you shall be Inform'd of the different Circumstances this Part of Yr. Business is in to what it was some years ago. Consultn 7th. Janr.

The scarcity and dearness of Grain, & Cotton has frequently been complain'd of as the cause of the Difficultys we meet with; but we shou'd not so often have urg'd it, did we not so often, and so sensibly feel the Effects of it.

Yr. Honrs. will admit it as an incontestable Truth, that in any Country where the Ground rents are rais'd to any considerable Degree, the Cost of the manufactures of that Country will encrease in proportion; for the Produce of such Ground of which the manufacture is made will stand the Tenant in so much more; not only by the encreas'd Rent he pays, but also in the price of Labour, in dressing the Ground which also must encrease by so much as the other Products of the Ground, by which the Labourer is supported costs the Farmer And that Encrease in the price of Provisions, must and does also Affect in a further Degree the cost of the Manufacture when it comes to be work'd.

Yr. Honrs. will excuse us that we take up so much of Yr. time in giving you a full state of this Matter, but we hold it better to give you this trouble once for all, that when hereafter we find Occasion to write you of the Scarcity and Dearness of Grain and Cotton, Yr. Honrs. will at once be able to Judge of the Consequences & the Effect it must and will always have upon Your Investment, and how little it is in our Power to prevent [them].

And first [as to the scarcity] and Dearness of Grain for which several Rea[sons may] be given. Before this Country was conquer'd [by the] Mogulls, it was Divided into several Circles under the Government of Particular Rajahs which descended from Father to Son. Their Revenues for the most Part, arose from the Produce of the Land, and they therefore were always carefull to keep up the Banks of the Tanks, or Reservoirs of Water, and to cleanse 'em of the mud, of which they were at the Expence themselves, knowing that the Land wou'd produce more or less according as they had a Quantity of Water. But the Mogulls who have now the Government of the Country, and are continued in those Governments only during Pleasure, do not think themselves under the same obligation to be at that Expence for their successors; By w^ch^. means in Process of Time the Tanks are almost Choack'd up; and great part of the Lands lye uncultivated for want of water. This alone wou'd Occasion Grain to be scarce and of Cou[rse] Dear, To which, if we add the Rapacious Disposition [of] the Mogulls, altogether intent upon making the [most] of their Governments while they continue in 'em, We need not seek far for the Reason, why even wi[thin] these 10 years the Lands which are Tenanted are let [for] more than double for what they were before. Your Hon^rs^. will easily conceive what effect it must have upon the Produce of such Lands, and we need not say much more to demonstrate it to you, Certain it is that Paddy at 25 Pagodas the Garce, is in these times thought cheap, whereas 20 Years ago, at that Price, it was reckon'd a Famine. The scarcity at Present is so great that it sells for 40 Pagodas a Garce, and our Novem^r^. Rains failing us this Year gives a melancholy Prospect of the next Harvest. We did in April Order the Purchase of 200 Garce, of which in May, and June last [we bought] in 115 Garce for the Use of the Garrison more we [did] not think fit to Engage in, for it must have been a great quantity to have Supply'd the whole Place as we do not reckon the number of our Inhabitants to be less than One Hundred thousand, And to them must be added a great number of People who Inhabit the Villages in the Country, that come every Morning from thence with Butter, Greens, Wood and many other necessarys. Your Hon^rs^. will consider whether it be fit for us to undertake so large a Provission, especially as we cannot propose to do it near so cheap, as the natives, neither could such Provission have been of any Effect for the service of Y^r^. Investment, which is made in so many very Distant Provinces; However when it shall please God that Grain falls to a Tolerable Price we shall lay in four, or five Hundred Garce more than sufficient for the Garrison; to fling into the Market upon Occasion, when we Observe the Grain Merchants Endeavouring to make an unreasonable advantage of the Publick Calamity.

Cotton of any Sort was not the growth of this part of the Country till within these few Years, and is chiefly produced now about two hundred and thirty Miles North West of us; The Inhabitants of Nyenda Pettah, a Town about a hundred Miles from us are under Contracts for the Produce, and from thence it is ship'd off at three several sea Ports which lye between the shoals of Armagon, and Carera, the [M]ost of it for the Bay, being a sort of Cotton which none of our Weavers till very lately wou'd make any use of, But neces[sity] the mother of Invention has of late Years bro^t^. i[t] into some Repute and Possibly a few years when the Country produces it in greater quantity will [be more] so, Especially if the Scarcity of the other sort [and] the Thread which is spun out of it continues. [We wrote] Y^r^. Hon^rs^. by the Lethieulier that the [greatest] part of our Cloth Particularly the thick, and substantial sort which is most acceptable to you, is made some at the Distance of Twenty and some Thirty Days Journey South West from hence, nearer to the Inland Provinces where the Cotton usually grew, and whence they were Supply'd with their Cotton Yarn as well as this Part of the Country of which the Quantity brought to the Fair at Laulapetta a Town about sixty Miles distant from hence, was usually from one Hundred, and twenty to One Hundred and fifty thousand Pagodas ℔ ann. And from thence, it was distributed to all the Weaving Towns in the hither Provinces. Of late Years and particularly these 3 Years past those Inland Provinces have been miserably Ravag'd by the Moratta's The same Roving and Lawless People who are called [Genimbs] at Surat, and more or less Infest all the Provinces of the [Hin]dost an Country. The Cotton Plantations have therefore [been] neglected

and of Course the Quantity of Cotton Yarn at the [Fair] at Laulapetta, has been trifleing and inconsiderable. [Yr.] Honrs. being satisfy'd of the truth of the Fact, will be con[vinced] how much the Calico manufacture must be affected by [it] as great part of the produce of the Cotton Yarn sold at Laulapettah used to be brought down hither, and Invested in Goods for the consumption of the Inland Provinces. Your Revenues also suffer by it.

But notwithstanding these difficultys we might yet have been able to carry on Your Investment with more Ease had we the same Open Field as formerly when we were the only Buyers in the Country, and had the refusal of all the Cloth made [in] it. We have already told you the Distance of those Places where it's made and where Yr. Honrs. cannot but believe the [Gomastas] of all other European Nations have as [bad an access] as ours, and the best bidder for the Cloth will [have it] in spight of all Contracts to the Contrary. Under these Circumstances the assistance we have had from our Northern settlements has been very Comfortable, but even their Investment is attended with difficultys, which however must be submit'd to at Present as unavoidable. It is rare that we can get any of their Cloth in time for an October ship; The greatest Part must come at this Season of the Year, and will always occasion a late Dispatch of our ships, because great part of it comes up Brown and must be wash'd here at a Time when our Merchants bring in most part of their Cloth, And 'tis impractable [*sic*] for us to keep a greater Number of Washers, and Beaters, because at the other seasons of Year we have so little work for 'em, that they must starve. The Freight and Charges of the settlements is an addition to the Cost, and sometimes (as it happen'd this Year from Maddapollam) The Cloth will be damaged in the Passage.

Upon a full and due reflection on this state of Yr. Investment, we were very glad of Yr. Directions by the Decker to [ease] Fort St. David of such Dutys as might Obstruct the manufactureing of Calico's there, and to take off all such Dutys from our Villages here. We wrote Yr. Honrs. by the Lethieulier that after her Dispatch the President wou'd go down to Fort St. David, and wou'd then see what cou'd be down [*sic*] to bring about the End propos'd, for which Purpose whilst he was there, he Order'd the Merchants to give him their Sentiments what Methods woud be most Effectual which they did in a Petition deliver'd to him there, But of this more at large by and By.

As to our Villages here they never have been subject to any Dutys, and particularly that on Beetle & Tobacco, Except Triplicane, Trivitore, and [Tondore]. The rest however have only a few Cottages inhabited cheifly by the Farmers and under Tennants who [till ye. Ground] The most of 'em are unfit for the [Weavers for] want of Proper Plantations for the Trees, but that de[fec]t may be supply'd in ti[me]. For the rest no incouragement shall be wanting on our part, but we dare not be possitive in assuring you of success as there may be many difficultys which we cannot foresee till we find 'em, Those which we Apprehend at present are Chiefly the Want of a proper sortment of Cotton, and a reluctance in all these Country People, to remove far from the place of their Birth, except they are drove to it by meer necessity. It will doubtless be a Work of time but we are so convinced of the use it will be to Your Investment, that we think no means should be left unattempted, If it be possible to Effect it. 6 Feb. Parrs. 3d.

We come now to speak more particularly to the List of Investment Yr. Honrs. were pleas'd to send us [this] Year, and how far we have been able to Comply there [with]. The first Article is "Beteelas of N°. 26 & 29 of each O[ne . . .] if very good or else none." Imediately upon Receipt of [Your] Orders we gave directions to our Merchants to get them Ready, but observing in October they had not then brought any to the Warehouse we call'd upon them for their Reas[ons] they told us the French had been making a large Deman[d] for that sort, and took in any the weavers deliver'd 'em, But they hop'd and did not Doubt to bring us in great part if not the whole that Yr. Honrs. Demanded in time for the Janry ships, but the Famine came so soon after upon us that thô our Merchants had their money in the Country they were afraid to [advance] it to the weavers, well knowing they must pay them [an] Extravagant Cooly or they woud spoil the Fabrick, And Observing in Consultation 31 Oct[r].

the List of Investment in the Year 1728, that the reason you gave why no Beteelas were then Orderd, was because the common sorts [were very much] Outdone by the low priced Muslings from the Bay [we] thought it cou'd not be for Y^r^. Interest to send you any so bad and Dear as ours wou'd prove.

The fine Morees of which You Order'd six Hundred Peices very thick and Yard wide for shirts our Merchants have bro^t^. into the Warehouse but Two hundred Peices and for which they ask 60 Pag^s^. ℔ Corge, but besides that we think 'em Dear at that Price. They are not in our Opinion fit for the Purpose you design'd 'em, and observing also in your said List of 1728 the reason you gave why you left off to demand Oringal and Policat Beteelas as well as Ginghams, and some other species of Goods, was because they were so very bad in proportion to their Cost, that you got nothing by 'em, and thought yourselves ill serv'd in those articles. We are apprehensive, were we to send these Morees you wou'd make the same Complaint. But as our Refusal of these may induce our Merchants to mend their Hand, we hope to make you amends next Year. Your Hon^rs^. will also please to tell us if we shou'd be able to bring the finer sorts of Beteelas and Ginghams to be so good and Cheap as formerly whether we may venture to send you any, 'tis certain those Goods are part of the French Investment, but we shall not take upon us to do any thing of this Sort without Your particular directions.

Y^r^. Hon^rs^. have no Izzarees by these ships, Y^r^. Resident at Ingeram cou'd not get those which were good and wou'd not meddle with any which were bad.

We cannot be possitive Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will have any of the Ordŕy Morees this Year, our Merchants have fail'd us in so many particulars that we shall be cautious for the future how we assure you of any thing upon the Credit of their Promisses.

As to the Articles of [Long Cloth] and Salampores you have of each as much [as we cou'd] procure, thô not in the same Proportions as you were pleased to Direct. The Cloth from the Northward such as was wash'd there, is not so well done as we cou'd wish but the Quantity of that w^ch^. came up Brown is as much as we are able to cure here. we think the Cloth in General, Good both from Vizagapatam and Ingeram and hope it will prove to Y^r^. Hon^rs^. liking. Mess^rs^. Davis and Sanderson assure us they have been Oblig'd to advance the Prizes of their Cloth, and we have also been necessitated to make 'em an allowance for it, having given the former half a Pag^a^. ℔ Corge on the Ordŕy Salampores or 3 and [½^d^] ℔ Cent. and the same on the Ordŕy Long Cloth from Ingeram, the rest We have continued at the prizes of last Year not judging 'em to deserve more but what we have so advanc'd we think realy [did]. Those Gentlemen further assure us they have turn'd [out a] great deal of Cloth for short measure, and for being [worse] made than usual thô they might have had an abatement in the Price, in Proportion, but were apprehensive it woud have given to great Encouragement to addulterate the manufacture, to do which the Weavers have already but [too many] Temptations, and are not easily prevail'd on to mend their Hands. M^r^. Graham is not yet arriv'd with the remainder of his Cloth from Maddapollam. [d]The Vessell on which he sent up the first Parcel, met with so long a Passage, and such bad weather that great part of it was damag'd such as was so, after it was reewash'd and put in as good a Condition as we could expos'd to Publick sale and we think the whole loss will not exceed One hundred Pagodas, but [we] cannot make up the account exactly till M^r^. Graham arrives. [e]We have met with so many unexpected disappointments from all our Subordinate Settlements [as well] as at home that we are apprehensive we shall fall [short in] Number of Bales for the last ship, but we hold it better [to] compleat her Tonnage with Salt Petre rather than she shoud run the risque of her Passage by dispatching her out of time, and we shall write to the Bay to supply us with a further Quantity of Petre to compleat the Kentlage of our next Sept^r^. ship.

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[d]Cons^n^. 26^th^. Nov^r^.

[e]Letters rec^d^. 120. 122 126.

[f]When we took into consideration the Dispatch of Y^r^. Ships, the Prince Augustus was not arriv'd from China, and the time it would take up to shift her must necessarily make her Dispatch late in Febŕy. The Normanton was design'd upon the Expedition to Portò Novo, and we cou'd not hope to dispatch her much sooner. We consider'd we had the Ey[les] Cargoe on Hand, which we had designd for the

[f]Cons^n^. 10^th^. Janry.

Prince Augustus had she arriv'd early, But our time growing short we were under a necessity of coming to some Resolution, and concluded to dispatch the Brittania and Duke of Lorain the two first Ships, as they were already half Loaden from the Bay, and to send the Raw silk and the finest part of the Eyles Cargo by them two. The Particulars are in their respective Invoices from hence, and we hope Y^r^. Hon[^rs^]. will approve of what we have done having no other View but to ease Y^r^. Risque on the latter ships.

We apprehend Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will continue to Order a sufficient Quantity of Redwood, and Salt Petre from the Bay for the Dunnage and Kintlage of the Bombay ships, and shall provide in time a Quantity of Redwood. If Y^r^. next Orders contradict it, the Value is not much, and it will not spoil in lyeing by. Y^r^. Orders for the 60 Tons this Year Arriv'd so late it [was] with great difficulty we got it ready to send to Bengall as we have already Advis'd in our Letter by the Lethieulier.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA, AND THEREIN ANY TRA[NSACTI]ONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS.

When the Letheulier saild we told Your Hon^rs^. Y^r^. President had been some time in Treaty with the Governm^t^. here, in Order to disappoint the designs of M^r^. Barrington so soon as he had Obtain'd their consent to the measures he propos'd to take, He went down to Fort S^t^. David to put in Execution the Orders you were pleas'd to give us in the 26^th^. Parag^h^. of Y^r^. Letter ℔ Ship Decker, and to seize M^r^. Barrington and his adherents to which purpose he propos'd to the Government of Pondicherry to join with him, which the other (fully convinced of the great detriment this Unlawfull Trade must be to his Masters) readily consented to, a Detachment of Two hundred men were sent to Porto Novo who Seiz'd the fourth Supracargoe and Writer of the Sweedish ship with 5 other Englishmen. M^r^. Barrington hav^s^. got intelligence of the Arrival of the Troops made his Escape but in so precipitate a manner that he left all his Books and Papers behind him which together with all the Effects were seal'd up by the Commander of the Troops till further Orders. Of the People left at Porto Novo out of their ship there was no Person of Distinction except the Eng[^sh^.] whom we had seiz'd and M^r^. Barrington, who was fled, the rest being all sailors incapable of taking charge of the Cargo neither wou'd it have been Prudent in us to have left it in their Charge, we therefore in conjunction with the French took an Exact Inventory of the Goods, and sent 'em to Fort S^t^. David where they are Lodg'd in secure Godowns. When we came to Examine the Papers before mention'd we found the stock & Block be[longed] chiefly to Englishmen, and have we think full proof that at least Eighteen thousand Pounds doth so, besides what more we have reason to believe is also on English Account. [And we] have therefore thought it our Duty in compliance with the Act of the 3^d^. Year of his present Majesty to [destroy the s]ame which we doubt not Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will approve. But [the] King of Sweeden has given a very Extraordinary [Power to] the Sweedish Captain in the Passport Granted to this ship, and that we are apprehensive the Captain may make use of it as also since we have found as above mention'd that so much of ships Cargoe is English, and consequently by the before recited Act is confiscable, We have thought it is necessary to seize the ship for which purpose [a] we have dispatchd ship Normanton with One Hund^d^. men of our Garrison to Porto Novo to wait for her and have appointed Commander of the Expedition Major John Roach whose great readiness to undertake this Employ, We think ourselves Obligd to mention to Y^r^. Hon^rs^. as a mark of his great Zeal for Y^r^. service, and Interest. We have promis'd a Gratuity to the Men if they succeed, and hope Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will approve thereof. What further Acco^t^. of this affair is necessary Y^r^. Hon^rs^. will find in a Book apart in the Packet and in a small Bundle which our President incloses to you. We shall therefore only add here, that we have good reason to believe if Barrington stays in the Territories of our Nabob we shall have him deliver'd up. And that thô the Sweeds were left at Liberty as subjects of a Prince in amity with the Crown of England yet they were taught to think it for their Interest to come up hither which was done to prevent their getting to their

[a] Cons^n^. 10^th^. Janry.

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own ship again, those here and the rest if we are happy enough to get 'em, shall all
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that desire it have a passage Home on our ships. [c]We have given advices to both the Presidencys, as we did to Vizag[m]. of all our proceedings herein, & our apprehensions of the ships making Reprisal. [Th]e Charges of this affair w[th]. the Presents to the Country Government, & other Expences are not Yet made up but shall [be done by] the latter ships. The Europa arrivd at S[t]. [Thomé] sometime since from Bengall, laden with Rice [but by the] Interest Your President had made in the Countr[y was not] permitted to Land it there and is therefore sail'd for Porto Novo, she had left when she sail'd to Bengall about thirty thousand Pagodas to be
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Invested at S[t]. Thomé, in coast Goods but has got only seventeen Bales of 'em on Board which were sent off in a private manner, the rest may probably be sent after her in Boats, however we hope your Hon[rs]. will believe we have done our utmost to Distress her. The Viceroy of Goa has wrote the Presid[t]. upon this Occasion complaining of the Treatment we have given to this ship as contrary to the Friendship between the English and Portugueeze, to which he hath answer'd that the ships which are realy Portugueze al[w]ays had, and always shall have all the assistance, and liberty imaginable but that this is known to be under the Direction of an Eng[h]. Supra Cargoe, and that he must expect no Assistance, while h'is carrying on a Trade Contrary to the Laws of his Country.

[d]Letters rec[d]. N 9.
[d]The Gentlemen of Bengall have sent us a Letter w[ch]. they rec[d]. from the Ostend Chief signifying that the Company have resign'd their Charter, and that the Emperor has taken their settlements into his own hands but they add no more. Our ship Elizebeth from Bengall brings a report that a ship is gone up the Ganges, with the Emperors Colours said to come from Trieste. [e]From Bombay we have just rec[d]. advice that Angrias whole fleet is at Goria, and that ours lies at the mouth of that Harbour to keep 'em in, and prevent their doing any mischief. The President and Council of Bombay had some Overtures of Peace made to them last Year from him but were obligd to break of the Treaty for reasons which we suppose they'l advise your Hon[rs]. Those Gentlemen complain much of the insincerity of the French at Myhie, whereby they apprehend that the Pepper Trade about Tel[licherry] will be entirely lost both to themselves and the French. [Their] is another War on that Coast occasion'd by the Death of the Seiddy, whereupon the Savagia Rajah had made an inroad into the Territories of the former and possessd himself of the most of 'em, but there is a treaty on foot between them of which Mess[rs]. Lowther & Dickinson are the Mediators and we hope it will soon be concluded.

[e]Letters rec[d]. No. 13.

From Persia we are advised by private Letters that the Turks have intirely defeated the army of Thomas Cooly Cawn the Persian General, who broke off the Peace that they lately made with the King, and had beseig'd Bagdat, so long as to have reduced the Inhabitants to the Utmost extremities but is now Oblig'd to retire with only about 3,000 men of that numerous Army he lately had.

Under the Head of Investment we have mention'd the unsettled state of our inland Provinces from the Depradations of the Maratta's, the motions of these People are so irregular that there is not giving an exact Acco[t]. of 'em, and we can only say that we feel the ill Effects of their intrudes by the General Stagnation of Trade here.

[f]Letters sent 86, 91, 109 [g]Letters rec[d]. 117 [h]Letter rec[d]. 130
[f]Your Hon[rs]. have already been advised what proposals we have made to the Bay, and to the other Coast [g]M[r]. Cowan and Council have signify'd their readiness to join in any Equitable Scheme of Trade, but the [h]Gentlemen of Bengall have told us they think the thing unpracticable, And we therefore beg Y[r]. Hon[rs]. to be judges between us whether the proposals we have made them are not Equitable, and such as they might very well have comply'd with.

[i] Letters sent [. . .]
We have wrote [to the Presi]dent and Council of Bombay in relation to the Cons[ulage] and Brokeridge paid at Surat, they have not yet [given] any answer to our Letter but suppose your Hon[rs]. [will have] a full state of that affair laid before you from them and [we] depend so much upon Y[r]. Justice to all Y[r]. servants in whatever part they are, and Y[r]. Readiness to ease them of any Hardship, and Greviance they may lye under, that we are assured if you find this appears such you'l immediately grant us redress.

Of the Shiping sent out last Year from this Port only the Prince Augustus is yet return'd, and brings up a Profit of about 9 ℔ Cent.

[f]When Y[r]. President was at Fort S[t]. David he rec[d]. several Proposals in consequence of the Encouragement he had given to the Merchants and others for bringing a number of Weavers into the Bounds, Andiapa of Porto Novo promises for 150, the Merchants of Fort S[t]. David themselves have subscrib'd for Building Houses for four Hundred & Shevanague Reddy son of [*lacuna*] Reddy on whose account the War with Syropsing was commenced, has also offer'd to bring in one hundred & fifty more on condition he might have a Cowle from Y[r]. Hon[rs]. to be free from any Demand on the Acco[t]. of said War, or other old Debts. This Number of Weavers supposing 'em all to work the sortments of Cloth proper for Europe Market will make upwards of Eleven Hundred Bales ℔ Ann which will be a noble Addition to the Investment. It is true we have in Order to obtain this been Obligd to part with some present Profit, and even more than Y[r]. Hon[rs]. have in our Letter Authorizd us to do Viz[t]. The Custom of Grain and the Beetle and Tobacco Cowle, but when Y[r]. Hon[rs]. reflect how many of the Inhabitants of Fort S[t]. David have left that Place, on no other account [but the] Beetle farm, and of consequence, how much Y[r]. other Customs have decreas'd by the want of the Consump[tion by] many People only to keep up the Rent of that Farm [which must] nevertheless have fallen in a little time wh[en some] few more People shou'd have gone as they were Daily going; to this, when you shall please to add that You Yourselves have order'd this Duty to be taken off in our villages in Order to procure Weavers to come, and inhabit there, we promise ourselves you'l highly approve what we have done herein, we wish we cou'd tell you we have yet met with success, but till the severe famine we have for some time felt, and which brought the price of Rice at Fort S[t]. David up to a Gold fanam ℔ Measure, we cannot expect to see it. [h]We have endeavour'd to keep that settlement supply'd having sent down from hence two Parcels which the Dep[r]. Gov[r]. and Council write have been of singular service to 'em. Whenever these usefull Inhabitants can be prevailed on to come in we shall take care and keep 'em fully supply'd with all necessarys both for the manufacture, and for their sustenance, and we doubt not but the Consumption of provissions and other things which such a Number of People will occasion will make up the Loss in the Article of the Beetle and Tobacco. As to the alteration in the Customs on Grain, we have only bro[t]. it back to what it was in the Year 1723. And for the Present[e] we have taken it wholy off, lest the few remaining inhabitants shoud have been tempted to Desert us for pure necessity.

[f]Cons[n]. 19th. Nov[r]. This paragr. & all after it under this head should have been copied at ye. end of the fifth head.

[g]Cons[n]. 6th. Dec[r]. 17 do. Letters sent No. 106 107

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[e] Letters rec[d]. No. 123 Letters sent 104

Another alteration mad[e] in the Revenues of Fort S[t]. David is reducing the Custom [on] Blew Cloth, and Paintings made for Pondicherry and [Porto Novo] which before were 5 ℔ Cent to 2½ ℔ Cent as those made for other Places pay. These Goods were loaden with 5 ℔ Cent [in order] to Clog the Trade of those 2 Ports, and to keep [up the] Cloth manufacture to ourselves, but experience has shown us that instead thereof it has only given occasion to those 2 places to decoy away our Painters, and Dyers, and we have therefore made no Goods for either of 'em for some Years past, the lowering therefore the Duty cannot lessen Y[r]. Revenue since it was before as bad as a Prohibition, but may possibly make some addition to it, by recovering Part of that Trade again.

These and several other alterations too long to be here enumerated, have been made at that Place, with the view to the encrease of Y[r]. Investment, and the General Good of the Settlement, for a fuller Acco[t]. of which we beg leave to refer to our Consultations, and Letters sent, and receiv'd, and shall not give Y[r]. Hon[rs]. any further trouble on this Head, But to mention the case of the Vanague Reddy [k]appears by his Acco[t]. Curr[t]. to be indebted to you 7760 Pag[s]. which Debt arrises from having placed to his account the sum we were oblig'd to pay Syropsyng on making the Peace, Expences of the Governour of Pondicherry as Mediator of the said Peace, of M[r]. Bernard Benyon as our Agent at Pondicherry for that Affair and for the Gratuitys to the Military Officers on that occasion. This Debt was many Years ago wrote off Y[r]. Books so that giving him a Discharge will make an alteration in the accounts of the Settlement and as he is in no necessity to return, other than what the inclination

[k]Cons 26th. Nov[r]. 6 Dec[r].

People bear to the Place of their Residence, and as his Family is so considerable, and his influence so great in the country that we have no manner of Reason to apprehend any failure in the Engagement [he] has enter'd into. We believe we need not have said [so much] on this Article, We have therefore given him a Cowle conditionaly that Y^r. Hon^rs. Approve of it.

A[mong the] requests made Y^r. President there was one relating to [the deci]ding of Causes by the Heads of the Casts which having [been at] large debated in our Consultations we will beg leave to refer thereto for the resolutions we came to on that subject which we hope will meet your approbation. The Depy. Gov^r. and Council have not yet sent us the Acco^t. of their Laws and Customs as directed, We suppose occasion'd by the multiplicity of 'em, every Cast having different Laws among themselves besides those observ'd by 'em all in General.

Letter 6th. Febry p. 12 [e] Lett^r. reod.

The Deputy Governour and Council [have] reduced the Corporals to the Limit'd Number struck off from the Gunroom Crew, and from the Peons, and we are in hopes when Grain grows cheap again, the taking off the Beetle and Tobacco farm will enable 'em to reduce the Price of Labour which if so will be some saving to you some of These advices about Fort S^t. David should have come under other Heads but we apprehend it was better to lay the whole account of what we had done about this settlem^t. before you at One View, and have therefore brought 'em altogether under this.

[m] Letter recd No. 114

As for the Expences of Vizag^m, ^mM^r. Davis has given us an account of the particulars and necessity but of them we have not yet had time to talk with him about 'em since he came up, it shall however be done before the Next ship sails.

We omitted by the Lethieulier answering the 4^th. Parg^h. of Y^r. Letter, 6^th. Feb^ry. last relating to the Number of Peons mention'd in attending the President, and others which are not so much for [. . .] there being sometimes of that Number thirty sometimes forty abroad carrying mony to the su[bordinate sett]lements, and Letters and Messages to the [Country Govern]ment. We are far from being fond of any show, which is not necessary, and whenever any Opportunity offers for reducing Y^r. Expences we always do it.

According to our promise by that ship we send in the Packet a Draft of the Grainery with an account of the Expence of it and Y^r. President having got a Plan of Y^r. Bounds here drawn, we send that also in the Packet by the Brittania.

Fifthly touching Fortifications, Buildings, Repairs, and Revenues.

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There has since our last advices happen'd nothing here worth mentioning to Y^r. Hon^rs. with regard to the three first Divissions of this Head. The last has had our maturest consideration, and it's with Grief we must tell Y^r. Hon^rs. that the [a]Sea Customs this Year are fallen upwards of Eight Thousand four Hundred Pagodas. Of this However four thousand seven Hundred is in the Article of Coral alone. In Elephants Elephants Teath and Wax above One thousand Pagodas more. The encrease of the Customs on the Bengall Goods this Year which is seventeen Hundred Pag^s. is more than equalled by the small importation of Surat Goods, and the Maccao Ships loosing her Passage last Season. There is this Year a considerable Quantity of Raw silk imported but it will not sell for Prime Cost in the Bay, [b]we therefore have been Oblig'd to indulge the Proprietors somewhat in [the customs] of it at the Sea Gate.

a Cons^n. 31^st. Dec^r.

b Cons 24^th. Jan^ry.

Our [Customs this] Year are encreased Occasioned by the Painting [. . . and] Manilla ships, and the Customs of Fort S^t. [David . . .] more than the former Years.

[c]Cons^n. 26^th. Nov^r.

[c]The Sea Customer having prepared an Account of the several Articles [mention'd] in Consultation of the 27^th. August past, that and [the report] of the Comittee appointed to search our Records for all orders relating to our Merchants commonly call'd Pattans were both laid before us in Nov^r. but as we had not then got an exact Acco^t. of the Customs, paid at the several Moors Ports on this Coast we could not come to any Determination thereupon till this Month^d. when after a full and mature consideration had on the Purport of the Orders Y^r. Hon^rs.

[d]Cons^n. 17^th. Jan^ry.

had given us in Yr. Letters of the 6th. Febry last relating to those merchants, & of the manner in which their Trade was carry'd on. We found that the allowing a Drawback on the Patan Goods might be attended with severall ill consequences to Yr. Revenues and the rest of the Traders in the Place, and wou'd yet fail of the design proposed, for which and other reasons we have determin'd to let that Affair rest as it did, and shall endeavour to recover those People only by the good Treatment they meet with amongst us.

By the Report abovementioned Yr. Honrs. will perceive an annual Decrease in all the Imports from Pegue, Mergy &c. The article of Elephants alone excepted which is very accidental, and rises and falls according as those creatures are wanted for the armys. We have in former Letters, and in our Consultations of this month when this matter was under Debate fully Explaind the Cause of this Decrease, and we can see no method to cause any alteration herein, but giving al[l reasona]ble encouragement to Trade as we have hith[erto given a]nd shall continue to do One thing ho[wever we have come] to a resolution upon, and that is not [to send any of our] own vessels to Import to the southward, a practice only of late Years but wch. has been a great [Prejudice to the] Place both as it has prevented the Goo[ds] [from] thence being brought up hither for a Market, and as Yr. Honrs. have lost the Customs of those Goods that would otherwise have been imported here, which the Merchants to the Southward, would have been Oblig'd to come hither to furnish themselves with. We shall write to Bengall, and lay the ill Consequences of this Practice before'em and hope the Presidt. and Council there will give Orders that none of their vessels may continue it, but least they should not we now recommend this our Design with the reasons for it to Yr. Honr's. consideration, and shall expect Yr. Orders thereupon. We have also resolved as much as possible, to prevent lending Money to, or Freighting upon Foreign ships.

We come now to give Yr. Honrs. an account of the several steps taken in Order to recover the Trade of Fort St. David, and in Compliance with Yr. other Orders about that Settlemte. The Buildings there have been carefully survey'd, and we have Orderd the Repair of 'em to be sett about with all Expedition the amount of this Expence will be upwards of two thousand two Hundred 2200 Pags. and we hope when finished a small annual Expence hereafter will keep 'em in good Order.

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Sixi[l]y touching Factors, Writers, Officers and their Accounts.

[Charles Peers a] few Days after the Lethieullier saild deliverd [a petition] in Consultation, requesting leave to lay [down service,] which occasioning a Vacancy We have admitted Mr. Wm. Monson to the Board, Mr. Peers has [deliver'd] the Warehouse to Mr. Morse, and the Accot. remains [deliver'd] over as usual as was since that the Accot. remains in the storehouse between Mr. Morse, and Mr. Rous, who enter'd on that Employ the 1st. Inst. Mr. Monson succeeded him as Scavenger & Rentall Generall.

Consn. 13th. Octr.

Cons. 2[2]. Octor.

On the Examining Mr. Barringtons Books and Papers we found such convincing Proofs that Mr. Peers and Mr. Parks had been concern'd in carrying on a Trade to Europe by way of Tranquebar & Copenhagen that we have been oblig'd to obey Yr. Orders of the 11th. Febry 1731 and send 'em Home on the Brittania, We paid the the latter his Gratuity before these Papers were in our possession, Mr. Davis has paid in the Ballance of Mr. Goldfinche's Estate and we shall give Account Curt. London credit for the Amount being Rups. 999. 6. the Particulars of the Accô. Mr. Davis transmitted to us, and is enterd in our Book of Letters recd.

Consn. 10th. Decr. 17 do. 31 do.

Consn. 29h. Octr.

Letters recd. No. 114. Rupees 999-6.

We are sorry to mention a Debt which we fear we shall not be able to recover of Mr. Palmer, Amountg. to Pags. 102 and arises from Charging him with the Cost of 3 Peices of Bengall Canvass 12 Pags. and One Europe Cable sent over to Pegue for Madrass Galley the former of which was Damagd in the vessel that carry'd it, the other upon Tryal, proved rotton, and was sold for Junk for only 33 Pags. so that his Debt is really no more than about 40 Pags. This was however frequently Demanded of him by the Storekr. and his pressing the Payment was a Principal cause of [his Elopement].

Before we close [this letter we think] it incumbent on us to mention to Y[our Hon^{rs}. M^{r}. Letheuliers] return from China on the Prince Augustus instead of proceeding to Europe on the Lyel [The cause] thereof was a marriage Contract he had enter'd [into here] and we are inform'd on his notifying such [his] intention to the other Gentlemen join'd in the Comission with him, they had thought fit to give him a protest for so doing, since allmost all the Business was compleated, and there were still 3 more to finish what might yet remain undone, it might possibly not be necessary, and had certainly been kinder to have let it alone in considerations of the Engagements he had enter'd into. He is in a very bad state of Health and being desirous of staying here, we have consented thereto till Y^{r}. further Orders.

SEVENTLY TOUTCHING ACCOUNTS.

Consn. 10th. Janry. On signing our General Books ending in April last we examind the accounts of Y^{r}. Debts and Credits of which also the Accomp^{t}. deliverd in a List, with an Account how they arose, and we have Order'd the following to be wrote off to Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. London, there remaining no further demands on the several Credits so directed to be wrote off, that we know of in India And for the two Debts so transferr'd the one is for stores short deliverd by Captain Field of the Grantham at the West Coast, and endorsed off of his Bill of Lading, The other is M^{r}. Peter Shilley with whom Your Hon^{rs}. have settled accounts at Home. The Acco^{t}. particulars w^{ch}. ought to be [enter'd] here, is insert'd at the End of this Letter.

[We wrote to] Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. in our last we wou'd Oblig [e Tomby Chitty to] pay the Penalty for Breach of his Contract, we little expected to have met with so much Perversness [and Obs]tinaecy in him, or that he wou'd have met [with so much] encouragement in it as he has. We were oblig'd to enter an Action against him for the recovery thereof which was done in last to which he was indulg'd in time by the Mayors Court to answer thô it was to only to that single Question whether the Contract was comply'd with, and if not why he shou'd not pay the Penalty. And after this long delay Instead of an Answer he put in a Demurrer to the Bill for want of proper Parties, w^{ch}. tho' the first Instance of any Demurrer enter'd since the arrival of the Charter, & tho' the use of it was only to gain a little longer time, was allow'd by the Court, and we have been Obligd to amend our Bill. When we had so done One of the Partys tho' known to all the World to be a partner in Trade with Suncavencatachulum to have appear'd for him in his sickness, and to have been the Person with whom chiefly we transacted these affairs yet on the pretence that he had not sign'd the Contract was again struck out of the Bill, thô 'twas only pray'd therein that he might on oath answer whither he was a Partner in the Contract, or not. The others have not yet given in their answer, But Vencatachulam has fil'd a cross Bill against Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. for the Quarter part of the Broad Cloth which we formerly advised you [. . .] to Tomby Chitty.

As our Cash [*is short at*] present we have only given Bills in [*a few words lost*] Deceased Estates and the Education of the Children belonging to the Inhabitants of this Place [with] necessarys for 'em, The two former agree [with y^{r}.] Orders, and the other what we cannot but suppose you'l approve besides that it's for no great amount.

We have also allowd Captain Goslin on a Representation he made us of the Detriment his staying here, till Sept^{r}. as he must do if the Ulrica doth not arrive soon on the Coast will be to his fortune to remit also some Money for paying off his Debts at Bottomre a favour which his great readiness to undertake this Expedition, if necessary we think deserved of us, and we hope will be approvd by your Hon^{rs}., the Bills are hereunder Enumerated.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE ON THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS PAYABLE AT 2 MONTH'S SIGHT, AND 8 SHILL^{G}. ℔ PAG^{A}. SIGN'D VIZ^{T}.

1. 2. 3.	To Judah Supino & Son or Order.	£510	10	5½	1276	11	13
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	179	10	1¼	448	27	42
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	44	16	½	112	—	17

1. 2. 3.	To Judah Supino & Son or Order	284	5	5¼	710	24	46
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	271	18	¾	679	27	28
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	228	15	5¼	571	33	44
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	157	17	1¼	394	22	66
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	713	10	6¾	1783	29	46
1. 2. 3.	To Mess: Abraham & Jacob Franco or order	467	5	11½	1168	8	51
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	970	10	2	2426	9	62
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	358	16	6	897	2	28
1. 3. 3.	To David Gomes Serra or Order.	487	18	5¾	1219	29	14
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	146	2	11¾	365	13	37
1. 2. 3.	To M[rs]. Eliz: Daranda, & Ab[m]. & Jac[b]. Franco or Ord[r].	472	15	6	1181	33	63
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	36	7	3	90	32	52
1. 2. 3.	To Solom[on Da C]rasto or Order	155	—	10½	387	21	77
1. 2. 3.	To Abr[aham] De Fonseca or Order	174	13	2	436	23	28
1. 2. 3.	To A[br[m]. Portello] or Order ...	138	5	9½	345	26	11
1. 2. 3.	To [Rob[t]. Normon] or Order ...	98	1	10	245	8	20
1. 2. 3.	To [Edw[d]. Jasper] or Order ...	513	4	9½	1283	3	53
1. 2. 3.	To M[r]. [Robert] Norman & M[rs.] Jane Nor:	166	19	10½	417	17	—
1. 2. 3.	To Fran[cis Salvadore] Jun[r]. or Order	3499	18	5	8749	28	76
1. 2. 3.	To Abraham [&] Jacob Franco or Ord[r].	20	7	9½	50	35	10
1. 2. 3.	To Jacob de Moses Franco or Order	1122	4	4	2805	19	40
	These 24 setts value rec[d]. of M[r]. Turner.						
1. 2. 3.	To Abrah[m]. & Jacob Franco or Order value of Mess[rs]. Turner & Solomons	2389	1	2	5972	23	27
1. 2. 3.	To Allexander Bennet or Ord[r]. value of Mess[rs]. Turner & Percival	262	1	1¼	655	5	30
1. 2. 3.	To Abrah[m]. & Jacob Franco or Order	1076	10	8¾	2691	12	24
1. 2. 3.	To Jacob de Moses Franco or Order	959	18	11¼	2399	31	20
1. 2. 3.	To Jacob Abenator Pementell or Ord[r].	506	2	11¼	1265	13	14
	These 3 setts Value rec[d]. of Mess[rs]. Turner & Hammond the above 29 setts all Dated the 5[th]. January.						
1. 2. 3.	To Abr[m]. & Jacob Franco or Order	931	7	9	2328	16	68
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	438	9	7¾	1096	7	33
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	493	14	7	1234	11	49
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	1076	5	7¼	2690	25	16
1. 2. 3.	To d°.	512	6	2½	1280	27	77
1. 2. 3.	To Isaac Salvadore or Order ...	1094	7	7	2735	34	14
1. 2. 3.	To Moses Kenrique[z] Julian or Order	360	10	3½	901	10	22
1. 2. 3.	To Jacob Dias or Order ...	215	11	4½	538	33	20
1. 2. 3.	To James Porten Esq[r]. or Order.	1578	17	2	3947	5	20
	These 9 setts Value of G. M. Pitt Esq[r]. Dat[d]. 10.						
1. 2. 3.	To M[r]. John Turner or Order, Value M[r]. Nath[l]. Turner, Dated 10	2400	—	—	6000	—	—

1. 2. 3. To Judah Supino & Son or Order.	212	12	4½	531	19	55
1. 2. 3. To d°. ...	194	17	5½	487	6	51
1. 2. 3. To d°. ...	684	4	5½	1710	20	—
These 3 setts value rec[d]. [of Rich[d].] Benyon Esq[r]. in return [for Coral.]						
1. 2. 3. To Philip Dorey or Ord[er value of Rich[d]. Benyon] ...	700	—	—	1750	—	—
1. 2. 3. To [Alex[r]. Bennet or [Order value of Cornelia Horden].	200	—	—	500	—	—
These 5 setts [dated the 15[th]. Janry.						
1. 2. 3. To M[r]. Cha[s]. Benyon Or [Order value] M[r]. Rand[l]. Fowke Dated the [19[th]. Inst.]	200	—	—	500	—	—
1. 2. 3. To Judah Supino & son [or] Value M[r]. Cha[s]. Peers ..	609	19	10	1524	35	22
1. 2. 3. To Cap[t]. Tho[s]. Hall, or Ord[r]. Val: of Cap[t]. T. Tullie	200	—	—	500	—	—
1. 2. 3. To M[r]. Elijah Linnet, & M[rs]. Sussanna Burgiss, or their Order value of Tho[s]. Tipping.	288	7	5¾	720	33	58
These 3 setts dated 20 Janu[ry].						
1. 2. 3. To Jacob D[e].] Moses Franco, or Order	130	15	7¼	326	34	20
1. 2. 3. To d°. ...	249	7	—	623	13	40
1. 2. 3. To Abraham D[e].] Fonseca or Order	266	13	8	666	25	40
These 3 setts value of M[r]. [N.] Turner in return for Coral.						
1. 2. 3. To M[r]. Dan[l]. Morse, or Ord[r]. Val. of M[r]. N. Morse	20[0]	—	—	500	—	—
1. 2. 3. M[r]. John Starke or Ord[r] Val: of M. Empson	39	2	—	97	27	—
1. 2. 3. To Mess[rs]. Thomas Hall and W[m]. Wood or Ord[r] Val. of Cap[t]. Jn°. Powney	300	—	—	750	—	—
1. 2. 3. To M[rs]. Sarah Goslin, & M[r]. Joseph Godfrey or Order, for Val. rec[d]. of Cap. Franc[s]. Goslin.	10000	—	—	25000	—	—
1. 2. 3. To M[r]. W[m]. Mountague or Ord[r]. value of W[m]. Johnson ...	153	8	9¾	383	21	55
1. 2. 3. To John Freeman Esq[r]. or Ord[r]. value of M[r]. Thom[s]. Cooke ...	240	—	—	600	—	—

We have in several of our former Letters laid before y[r]. Hon[rs]. the [many in] conveniences arising from the too strict pursuing of [the] Methods, laid down by the Charter for trying of causes in which the Blacks are concern'd and among them instanced in the case of Shack Faragula and A'bdul Raijack. We have had several other cases of the like nature where application has been made to the Country Government. It is true the present good Harmony between us, and the Interest Y[r]. President has made with the Chief men at Arcot has prevented any ill consequence attending such applications but this will not perhaps be the case at all times. The Determination of Causes in the Country is very Quick and generally very Equitable likewise. Among us the Delays are of very ill Consequence especially where it happens that the Plaintiff belongs to another Place, and is Obliged to neglect his Affairs there, to attend his Suit, with us. It wou'd be endless to enumerate all the mischiefs arising from this strict observance of the forms prescrib'd which yet must be done till new Directions shall come from Home. We will therefore only mention

this one Case of Sunca Ramah, by which Yr. Authority here is more calld in Question than by any thing that has happen'd for many Years. Had not Yr. Honrs. told us in the case of Tomby Chitty [. . .] Chitty that all these things must go thro' [. . .] ature we shoud have taken very [. . .] him and not have suffer'd him [. . .] You, and put you upon the Level [. . .] the Place who may take it in his Head hereafter to do so. It is not to be conceivd what prejudice [that is to] Yr. Affairs, and how mean it makes us in the [E]yes of the People about us Nor is it possible in a Country where the authority of Yr. Magistrate is absolute and uncontrollable to Express the surprise and astonishment it causes to see you in a case when you are Yr. selves concern'd Oblig'd to recover Yr. right in this manner. Upon the whole of this we think it our Duty to propose to Yr. Honrs. whether we may not in Extraordinary Cases bring the Cause to the Board at once, and in the Case beforemention'd where one of the Partys is a Moorman, or an Inhabitant of the Territories belonging to 'em stay the proceedings of the Mayors Court, and absolutely Order the Dispute to be decided by the Casts, and inforce their Decision, the Consequence of this will be that whenever either Party shall complain to the Country Government a Proof that the cause was determined agreeable to their own Laws and Customs which it will then be in our Power to give, will prevent any Dispute thereupon.

With respect to the Casts we beg pardon if we again request Yr. Hon[r][s]. to explain what you have said about arbitrations a Doubt having arisen among us thereupon where you say in all disputes between the Natives in wch. the Ki[ng's subjects are] not involved, those may, and should be de[cided among th]emselves according to their own customs [or by Justices] or Referees to be appointed by themselves [or otherwise as] they shall think fit, but if they [offer themselves to] have 'em decided by Eng[h.] Laws these must be pursued.

What [we would] beg an Explanation of in this case is whether whe[n a case] shall arise between the Natives if One Party is inclin[ed] to or desirous of an Arbitration the other shall be Obligd to submit to it or whether he by his Obstinacy shall Oblige the other to go to Law. If the former be the design of those Directions there will be no further cause of complaint because the injured Party is generally willing and desirous to have his cause Determin'd by those Persons who must [be] best acquainted with their Laws. If the latter be the meaning of 'em and it be in the Power of either Party to carry it to Court, The Person who owes to or has defrauded another will always go there not only in hopes of Benefit from the long and tedious course of the Proceedings but also for that by means of a false Interpretation (which it is not only easy to foresee may happen but likewise very probable will do so, and of which we had a very Extraordinary Instance in the case of Faragula before mention'd to you) either of the Question to the Evidence, or of the reply, The Court may be lead into an Error which an appeal would not be able to redress the Person in, since no new Evidence can be there brought.

The Book of Instructions is copyd and comes in the Packet by the Brittania.

EIGHTLY TOUTCHING [THE WEST COAST].

Mr. Thomas Yeates [we have already] advised Yr. Honrs. was arriv'd, and we shall [. . .] over by the George agreeable to the Di[rections] by Yr. Orders.

We observe in yr. Letter by the Harrison you approve of the Commission given Mr. [. . . for] the Command of the Troops at Marlbrô. Yr. [Honrs.] had not then been informd we had sent over two Lieutenants from hence, we were advis'd of the Comission given him, and set it aside on accot. of his behaviour when at the West Coast before, which was such as made it impossible in our Opinion for him to carry a Command there, and we therefore hope Yr. Hon[r][s]. will approve of what we did therein.

By the Report of our Committee which you'l receive by these ships relating to the affairs of the West Coast Yr. Hon[r][s]. will see the several regulations proposed, and by our Consultations the resolution we have come to thereupon. The George will sail soon after these ships when we shall give such further directions as we judge necessary for the good of those settlements, However.

We must now recomend to Y^r^. Honours to send annually 3 or 4 chests of Silver there more than you now do least they should be again reduced to the like Streights as they were this Year of which they write us very largely by the George. We are sensible the certificate given M^r^. Gee was not directly agreeable to Y^r^. Orders but as the Equivolent to you was the having the Money advanced you, in your necessity without Interest, we believe you'l look upon it rather as a Merit in the Dep^r^. Gov^r^. & Council than otherwi[se and we ac]cordingly paid it. Your Hon^rs^. will observe [. . . .] is resident of Moco Moco agreeable [to what we wrote] you. We shall defer saying any thing [under this Head] till we send Your Hon^rs^. Copy of [*lacuna*].

SUPPLEMENT.

The In[voice] of the Brittania amounts to Eighty Nine thousand two hundred seventy Eight Pagodas, twenty one fan^s^. and fifty nine Cash Pag. 89278. 21. 59, That of the Duke of Lorrain to Eighty Eight thousand One Hundred Ninety One Pagodas, twenty seven fanams, and forty seven Cash Pag^s^. 88191. 27. 47 Diamonds Registered ℔ Brittania, to Two thousand three Hundred fifty one Pagodas & six fanams Pag^s^. 2351. 6. — Captain Granthams Register of Goods to Three thousand Nine hundred and sixty One Pagodas, five fan^s^. and sixty six Cash Pag^s^. 3961. 5. 66 & seventeen thousand Eight Hundred & Eighty six Rupees Three ann^s^. and six Pice Rupees 17886. 3. 6. Captain Wilsons is Fifty Eight thousand nine hundred and fifty two Rupees, six ann^s^. and six pice Rupees 58952. 6. 6. We wish these ships safe home and are.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^T^. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 18, 1734.

[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 10, pp. 65–76.*]

TO THE HOÑBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HOÑBLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. Our last bore Date the 31^st^. Jañry 1733/4 by the Brittania and Duke of Lorrain. The Captains went off the next Day, and early in the Morning the 2^d^. Ins^t^. saild with a fair Gale, which we hope carryd 'em, well on their Way. In that letter under the Head of Investm^t^. we said we woud put all the salt Petre on Board the Prince Augustus, and dispatch her in this Month, but as the End of Jañry grew near we began to be apprehensive, that the Ulrica Eleonora, wou'd be late upon the Coast, and therefore in the latter end of it told Y^r^. Hon^rs^. we were doubtfull whether we cou'd Dispatch her or not. Accordingly we took this matter into Consideration, so soon as the other two Ships were gone, and as the Normanton was *half laden from* Bengall, It was agreed to be necessary to send her away. To do which and yet keep a suffic[ient] force to prevent the Captain of the Sweede from [doing misc]hief We were oblig'd to come to a resolution [to detain Cap^t^.] Goslin on the Coast till Septem^r^. and [*a few words lost*] him the 5^th^. to Porto Novo to relieve [Cap^t^. Rigby] orderd to fill up at Fort S^t^. David [. . .] resolution, We consider [that Y^r^.] Hon^rs^. will receive a large supply of Coast Goods for both the March and [April] sails by the ships this Year Dispatch'd That it woud not [be in] our power shoud we fill up the Prince Augustus with our remaining Cloth to get a Cargo ready for a Sept^r^. ship next Year, and consequently you wou'd have no Coast Goods for the March sales nor cou'd we fill her without putting on Board her near One Hundred Tonn of Salt Petre instead of so much Cloth which we have been disappointed of. We further consider'd this is her last Voyage, and she possibly by so late a Dispatch meet with bad Weather, and Damage her Cargoe. But the great and principal Inducement to us to come to this Resolution was, the necessity of putting the finishing stroke to the work we have so happily begun, and by seizing the Ulrica prevent her making reprisals, and thereby doing more mischief than had she been unmolested. We have yet no

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further news of that ship except by a French ship arriv'd to Pondicherry who left her in the River of Bengall the 14th. Janry ready for sailing. But as we were apprehensive were the Comr. of the Sweede's ship to be informd of the Preparations we have made against him he might go to some other Port of India, and make reprisals or by application to the Nabob of Bengall for protection [embarrass] Yr. Affairs We judged it absolutely nec[essary to prevent] if Possible such notice reaching him [If by any] unforeseen Accident he shou'd have been [detained longer in] the River; and have therefore stopt [the London Brigantine now] bound thither. Consn 11th. Febry.

2d. [*A few words lost*] the Head of Investments, we told Yr. Honours we had promis'd the Fort St. David Mer[chants to re]ceede from the Terms of their Contracts with [Regard to] the Prices agreed for and gave you our reasons for so doing. And having since recd. from thence an Accot. of the differences between the real cost of the Cloth and the prices Contracted for we consented to allow it to the Merchants — which being agreeable to the 12th. Pargh. of your Letter by the Wallpole, anno 1730 and to the 27th. Pargh. of that by the Prince Augustus this Year we hope your Honrs. will approve. In this as in all other articles of the same nature, we have acted solely with a view to Yr. Interest, and Yr. Honrs. will observe we have given Directions to the Deputy Governour & Council to be first well assured of the Truth of the Merchants accounts before they allow them. We are advised from thence that Two hundred weavers & Painters are come into the Bounds already and in order to keep them there we have directed the Deputy Governour & Councill to find 'em work, and have ourselves sent 'em a further supply of Paddy which we shall continue as they want it. Letters recd. No. 11. Consn. 2d. Febry. Letters sent No. 18. Lett recd. No. 19. Lett sent No. 18.

3. Yr. Honrs. will find the Maddapollam Cloth is all packd in Waxcloth but we shall forbid it in future.

4. The Royal Guardian left Tellicherry the 9th. Febry after putting ashore there most of the Salt Petre, and Red wood she had on Board, but the Mary was not arriv'd ye 18th. of that Month. Letter recd. 25.

5. We have sent Yr. Honrs. by the Lethieulier and Brittania, the best Accot. we cou'd get of the Contract the French made with their Merchants, They have since the two ships dispatch'd in Septr. sent home two more. The Accot. [of the] Cargo's is in the Packet, Yr. Honrs. will observe the [Depy. Govr. &] Council of Fort St. David in Answer to [that part of the] Letter relating to this article say it can[not...] because the servants of the French [Company do not receive] any information of this kind. Lett. recd. No. 11.

[6] Mr. Benyon has inform'd us the Gentlemen in Bengal have chargd [him] Freight on the silver he sent down thither on the Bri[ttan]ia and Normanton in consequence of an Ordr. from Yr. Honrs. to that Place thô he wrote to his attorneys that it was the silver he was permitted to bring out with him, and on which he had already paid into Yr. Treasury at Home 3 ℔ Cent. We mention this to Yr. Honours because Mr. Benyon tells us the Cause of this Order to Bengall was Yr. resentment against the Freighters of the Compton for their having chargd Freight on some silver sent from hence, on Yr. Accot. by that ship. And that, on his Representing to Yr. Honours that we had (so far from charging Freight on silver carryd for you) even taken in Metals on Yr. Account, and carryd 'em thither Freight free several times, and more particularly by the Samuel and Royal George, You had been pleasd to direct this Order shoud be Omitted in yr. Letter to us. Mr. Benyon therefore hopes Yr. Honrs. will please to direct the Repayment of the said Freight charge'd him; and as our Practice has been very different from that which you so justly blam'd in the case above mentiond, we flatter our selves Yr. Honrs. will continue in the same favourable sentiments with regard to us, as you had when you were pleasd to Omit sending the [Order to] us.

7. Yr. Honrs. will have seen [by our Cash] account in Janry and by this ship also, how [. . . .] on us; As there will in all likelyhoo[d be no remittances] for the future in Diamonds, the [*a few words lost*] will always be remitted by Bills of Exchange. This and the Receipt of what shall [be order'd] for Deceased Estates with the produce to the [Goo]ds we annually sell here will in all probability keep our Cash so well supplyd as to leave no room for accepting

Money on any other occasions unless where your Hon^{rs}. give particular Directions. And as the Diamond Trade is now at an End and that Y^{r}. Cash is so largely supplyd from other springs as to leave no room for us whenever we have occasion to remit any part of our Estates to Europe. We beg leave to represent these difficultys to Y^{r}. Honours, and to request that you'l permit us to remit our Money by way of China in Gold upon Your ships free of Freight. Which we hope your Hon^{rs}. will indulge us in the rather because by a Calculate of the produce of One Hundred Pag^{s}. so remitted which we send on the Packet. You'l find there is no advantage to us by it, but that of returning our Estates when it is not convenient for you to grant us Bills directly. We have more than once formerly Tenderd Gold to Y^{r}. Supra Cargoes, to be register'd and sent on Y^{r}. ships, but have always been refused; on what motive, whether by Orders from Your Hon^{rs}. to that Purpose, or from an apprehension of the Price of Gold rising, in case [*a few words lost*] into that Method we know not.

8. [In our] Packet we send an acco^{t}. of all the Disbur[sements] made on Acco^{t}. of the Ulrica, whether in [presents for Entertain]ment, Charges of the Porto Novo [Expedition and the] ships sent down thither. To w^{ch}. we have agreed to add five
Cons. 16 Feb. Hundred Pag^{s}. for a Present to the French Major [which] we thought very necessary to be done and as he was [a Foreigner] we judgd a less sum would not be sufficient & we hope your Honours will think us right, therein.

Letters rec^{d}. No. 25. [9] Since our last we have been advised from Tellichery that the Dutch have sent three hundred Men to the assistance of the Moors at Cananore, against the Canarees but as yet to little Effect. These Gentlemen continue their Complaints of the French at Mihia.

Letters rec^{d}. An 1733 No. 114. 10. We have strictly examin'd the Acco^{t}. of the Expences of Vizagapatam, and having talkd with M^{r}. Davis about 'em, are of opinion no further reduction can be made at present. Besides the reasons mention'd in our Consultations for continueing
Cons^{n}. 11th. Febry. the last recruit of Military there, there is this further one to be given that many both of the Gunroom Crew and of the Garrison of that Place are grown old in the service, and capable of little more than the common Duty which makes it the more necessary to keep the others there. The Head of Peons and Servants Wages which your Hon^{rs}. particularly point at, you will find so fully Explaind in the state of those Expences sent us last Sept^{r}. as to need no further remark thereon, and you'l see that many other articles are included [under that] Head, as well as the attendance on, and all [. . .] servants.

11. We have already [sent to your] Hon^{rs}. the Report of our Comittee to whom [. . .] of the West Coast Books and Pa[pers . . .] as the [. . .]
Lett sent No. 21. George is since gone you'l now receive the Copy of our additional Orders to 'em. You'l observe [from our] Letter thither under the Head of Shiping that we [never] refused to allow M^{r}. Rigg any consideration for the Damages his Goods suffer'd in the Passage having examind preceedents on that occasion and found that it had been settled in Consultation 13 Sep^{r}. 1715 on a Report of a Comittee appointed to examine a Dispute of that nature, that the Custom of India was otherwise since in all the Freight ships to Surat, Bussero, Mocha &c^{a}. No Damage is ever allowd.

12. You'l also Observe the Orders we have given on Occasion of the Pepper lost on the Bar at Laye, and that we have sent 'em a Quantity of Lamp Oyl, thô not demanded finding it very Dear there we have also sent a considerable Quantity of white Long Cloth for Anacksongey. We shall take care to keep 'em supplyd with these and such other necessarys as they shall want. But we have directed 'em for the future to indent to Europe for what they stand in need of from thence which only fills our ships with Lumber, and we apprehend the S^{t}. Helena ship has always room enought to take it in, We have already mention'd the sending more treasure thither in our Letter by the Brittania.

13. The Report of the Comittee is so full under the Head of [Invest]ments that we can add nothing thereto, and [shall only have] to refer to it. Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will there see what [instructions we have] given for the encouraging of the Planting ho[th

. . .] Coffee. As to the arrack and Sugar Pla[ntations we are] sorry to say it's still a loosing article [*a few words lost*] Dep^{y}. Gov^{r}. and Council have ruind [*a few words lost*] the Price from 24 to 36 Dollars ℔ Leg^{r}. In their Letters to us by the Georg[e they] declare themselves of Opinion, that it is more Advantageous to Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. to carry on this work even at a Loss of five Hundred Dollars ℔ Ann̄ than to drop it, since you might sometimes suffer in the want of Arrack on the Coast were it not for the supply from the Plantation, and the Arrack Lycence must of course cease. We shall be able to say more on this Head when [we] receive their next Letters. We have been inform'd their is Salt Petre procureable on the West Coast about Manna, and have given Directions to the Deputy Governour and Council to send us a sample and to enquire what Quantity may be got there Yearly.

Letter's recd. An̄ 1733 No. 94.

14. In Y^{r}. Letter by the Harrington we Observe Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. enquire after the Expence of Salt on the West Coast, and whether the Europe salt wou'd be agreeable to the Natives. Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will observe by several Invoices of that Commodity, sent from hence, that we buy it here at 3 Pag^{s}. the Garce which is four Tonns, and consequently it is impossible to supply them from Europe near so cheap. The Garce produces about a Coyan and a Quarter there, which being sold at 25 Dollars ℔ Coyan produces Pag^{s}. 625 for Pag^{s}. 90; The Prime cost of thirty Garce near, which Quantity the George will carry and thereby makes good near [. . .] Freight of a Trip thither.

15. The Dep^{y}. Go[v^{r}. and Council] having sent us a Malay Prisoner on [. . .] have thought proper to Order them in [*a few words lost*] sent to S^{t}. Helena from whence [*a few words lost*] they may be Oblig'd to Work for a maintenance we hope Y^{r}. Honours will approve [thereof].

16. In y^{r}. Letter by [the] Prince Augustus under this Head Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. are pleas'd to tell us if any of your Orders relating to the Country Government, or any other branch of Y^{r}. Affairs on the West Coast excepting Coven^{d}. servants should run counter to the Directions we may have given from hence, you are willing to deviate therefrom, in case upon mature consideration we shall Judge it for your Interest so to do. The wording of this Parag^{h}. has rais'd a Doubt among us whether this exception with regard to covenant servants doth not put it out of our Power to remove a Deputy Gov^{r}. or any other of Y^{r}. servants there in higher or lower stations if guilty. We have not found anything in the Conduct of the present Deputy Govern^{r}. which should induce us to believe there will be occasion for such a thing in his time, But we must recommend to Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. consideration whether if hereafter we should be convinced of the necessity of such a removal either from incapacity or infidelity, Y^{r}. affairs may not suffer the greatest prejudice by so long a delay as woud necessarily be Occasiond, by our being obligd to send our Opinions of the faulty Persons to Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. for [your] Orders thereupon, which must take up two Years at [least by wh]ich time they woud be going on in th[e same way ins]tead of immediately removing them. It is [not out of] fondness of a more extensive Authority [that we write] to Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. but from an Apprehension [of the consequences] which may ensue by altering the former Dependance that Settlement had on this Place.

17. There [is a] Credit of Dollars 66. —. 65 or Pag^{s}. 44. 3. 72 to the Account of M^{r}. William Dunster Merchant in London for Dividends of his Nephews Estate, which we have Order'd to be transferr'd to Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. Fort S^{t}. George, and as there is no demand on him in India we shall in our next Books carry it to Acco^{t}. Curr. London.

18. In this Packet we send the proceedings in the Court of Appeals, and at the Sessions concerning both which Y^{r}. Honours will Observe something very extraordinary, and which we mention to you to show the Temper of the Gentlemen who compose the Mayor's Court. It happen'd in March last, that One Marcasagahim was tryd for Perjury on an information lodgd against him by the Register of that Court by Order of the Court, for having in an Answer to a Bill Exhibited there, sworn one thing and in an Affidavit before M^{r}. Roach the Contrary. On the Tryal it appearing that the Affadavit, before M^{r}. Roach related to matters of Debt only which it was

urg'd as a Justice of Peace, he was not empower'd to take Cognizance of and that therefore such Affadavit being *Coram Non Judice* wou'd not make the Party Guilty of Perjury according to the Laws of England by which he was tryd. The Jury brought their Verdict in Special, and the judges confirming the Objection the Man was clear'd. The Mayors Court looking upon the [clearing] this Man who had been prosecuted by 'em [as demeaning] their authority were oblig'd as the [. . .] to take other measures to support it, [. . .] the future not to trust to indictments but [. . .] to impose fines for prevaricating [*a few words lost*] accordingly within a few days after having as they imagind a good Opportunity to exert themselves they proceeded as Yr. Honrs. will find in the case of Ramah Chundra, which comes in the Packet and to which we refer, for a full account of our proceedings herein. We were obligd to take the Measures we did to support both Yr. authority, and our own, since the man they imprison'd was the Renter of the Beetle & Tobacco farm and of the Arrack and Wine Lycence, and security for the Renters of some other of the Farms. And the design of imprisoning him was only to strike a terror into the Inhabitants who wou'd ever after have dreaded the Authority of the Mayors Court, when they should have found it was in Yr. Power to protect a Person so deeply concernd in the collecting Yr. Revenues. We do not mention this as if we in the least apprehended our selves not to have acted consonant both to Law and Reason, bnt to let Yr. Honrs. see how much Yr. authority is disputed by those Gentlemen, and how absolute they pretend their own to be since as you will observe in the said proceedings they claim to themselves a Power of fining whom they please without appeal, and where such a Power woud carry 'em is easy to be perceiv'd. The other remarkable [. . .] that the last Sessions the Mayor, all the Alder[men . . .] and the Register of that Court being [. . . .] Jury the Mayor who was first upo[n . . .] being consequently first calld upon by [. . .] P[e]ace refused to be sworn prod[uced . . .] abridgment of a Stat[e ment] to Juries which says they should be Balloted for, And he insisted [thereupon]. The Judges (tho' they thought it would have been handsomer to have made this objection to the Clerk of the Peace, before the Court sat, and not in Open Court, yet had so much regard there to take a Day to consider of it, when they found That the Act as there abridg'd mention'd only Justices of *Nisi prius* & Assise before whom Juries are so to be Balloted for which Comissions are not granted to us in the Charter but only those of the Peice Oyer and Terminer, and Goal Delivery. That had it been otherwise an abridgment of a statute published by a private Hand carryd no weight with it. That had the act concerned the Plantations they wou'd have been mentiond in it as the Principality of Wales, and several others are, and that Yr. Honrs. would undoubtedly have sent us proper Instructions thereupon. All this was urgd the next morning but to no Purpose and from the Mayor down to the Register they all to a Man refused to be sworn, in wch. they were follow'd by Mr. Peers and two more, One of whom they have since chosen into their Body.

19. Yr. Honrs. will be advised from Fort St. David of the amount of the Invoice and the Captains Register of Goods by this ship which we wish safe Home to you and are

Fort St. George — Honourable

Febry. 18th. 1733/4. — Yr. faithfu[ll and] Hum: Servants.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^{T}. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY DATED AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 2, 1734. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol.* 11, *pp. 1-38.*]

TO THE HOÑBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HOÑBLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. We wrote your Honours the last season by the Lethieullier under date the 1st. October, Duplicate and triplicate of that Letter went on the Britannia & Duke of Lorrain. By those ships We again addressed you in a Letter dated the 31st. January third Copy whereof with another Letter of y^{e}. 18th. feb^{ry}. we sent by the Normanton of which last we now transmit copies on each of these ships. Your Deputy Governour & Council of Fort S^{t}. David wrote you also by her the 25th. February of which the Duplicate is enter'd in our Books of Letters received that come on the Packets by these ships. Parag. 1st. 9th. Nov^{r}. 1st. 21st. Decem^{r}. 1st. 29 Jan^{ry}. Letters rec^{d}. No. 81.

2. Since those dispatches we ha ve been honour'd with three Letters from you dated the 9th. Nov^{r}., 21st. December, & 29th. January 1733 which we shall at present only answer in part, reserving some Articles for the January ships when we send our general books & the records of our Courts to which they relate. For the same reason we omit mentioning several particulars that your Honours will observe in those books now sent you.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3. We congratulate your Honours on [the safe arrival] of the several ships dispatched from Ind[ia . . .] 32. We hope those of the last have met with the same good success. Of those bound out this year the Princess Louisa as We are inform'd by the London just Arrived from Mocha was to be dispatched from thence about the 20th. of July with three thousand eight hundred bales of Coffee. The ships for this Port and the Bay arrived & proceeded on their Voyage in the following Order. 2^{d}. 3 4 5 6 } 9th. Nov^{r}.

Mountague ...	...	5th. June	...	sail'd 16th. June.
George ...	...	5th. June	...	11th. July.
Duke of Dorset	...	14th. June	...	28th. August.
Hertford ...	..	25th. June	...	25th. July·
Ockham ...	...	9th. June	...	16th. June.
Princess Royal	...	21st. July	...	28th. August.
Drake ...	...	26th. July	...	3^{d}. August.

4. By the Normanton we gave your H^{rs}. the reasons of our detaining the Prince Augustus. We now dispatch her with one thousand three hundred & Eighty five bales of Coast goods and with fifty Ton of Salt petre not included in her Charterparty Tonnage. The Royal Guardian came in here in May being dispatched too late from Bombay to go home last season & now sails in Company with Cap^{t}. Gostlyn. Our President and M^{r}. Benyon acquaint us they have given the proper signals to him & Cap^{t}. Hoadly agreable to the Directions received from your Honours and you will observe by our dispatches to the former and Letter to the Latter We have complied with your Orders for securing them from accidents in their Homeward bound Passage [Cons. 6 May, Consult. 8 May, Consult. 27th. D^{o}.]. 4th. 21st. Dec^{r}. Consult^{a}. 6 May Consult^{a}. 8 May 27 D^{o}. 18th. 9th. Nov^{r}. 3^{d}. 21 Dec^{r}.

5. The Heathcote was at Surat Bar on accasion of some disputes with the Government too late to be dispatched home and we hear is design'd for Bengal. The Mar[y in] her Passage from thence last season met w[ith very] bad weather & was Obligd to put into Galle[owing to the dam]age she received. She has since got [*a few words lost*] but too late to be return'd home. The Ships now bound out to that Port and those to China we have not as yet had any news of. Letter rec^{d}. No. 65.

6. The George from Bencoolen imported the 19th. Instant and brings advice that the Madrass Galley only waited for the Arrival of the Lyell to be dispatched which we hope was not long after the George came away.

7. 9 Novr. 7. Capt. Bagwell could get only twenty eight slaves at Madagascar occasion'd as he setts forth in his Diary (of which your Honours will have a Copy from Fort Marlborough) by the Death of the King. He brought us no pepper the Deputy Letter recd. No. 67. Governr. & Council (as we apprehend by their Letter to us by him) having understood your Orders for fitting the Lyell to signifie that they were to put as much on Board as she can take in.

2d. 29 Janry. 8. We did not receive advice of the Loss of your ship Eyles till after the Normanton the last ship dispatched to the Bay was gone and the Lethieullier was ready to be sent away for Europe. And as we dayly expected the Eyles's arrival to take her Cargo in again we could not put any part of it on board the other ships which is the reason your Honours had none of it on the Lethieullier. The most valuable part of her Cargo we sent last January for the reasons then given your Honours the remainder comes by the Prince Augustus now and was designed a part of her Cargo if we had sent her away in february.

Consults. 6 May, 6 June. 9. It is our constant practice when we send ships home from hence directly to have them [. . .] & strictly Survey'd which was done th[. . .] we began to send bales on board th[e Prince Aug]ustus.

8th. 9 Novr. 5. 21st. Decr. 3 | 29 13 J Janry. 10. We have had no advices from the President & Council of Bengal this Season since the 6th. March by the Charles Sloop and have therefore been at some loss to know what quantity of Rupees and Redwood to provide for them, however as we imagined Your Honours would order a quantity of the latter for Bombay We had 66th. 29th. Janry. resolved to provide sufficient, before the receipt of your orders, for that purpose, and of the other We agreed to coin one half of what should come out, accordingly the Mountague, Drake & Ockham carried their Bullion down and we coin'd what received by the other three ships besides which having bought all we could in the beginning 70th Consults. 18th. Mar. of the year we sent fourteen chests by the Deane frigate freight free and thirty more by your Ship Hertford being the produce of what bought & the ballance of last year's account.

11. None of the Commanders have this year applied to us for leave to stay longer than was necessary for dispatching what we had for them to do, and we shall observe the orders received from your Honours on occasion of the Permission given to the Commander of the Prince of Orange. The reason of our detaining those ships, out of which we have taken the Silver, till it was coined, has been that we might as near as possible send an equal risque on them to the Bay as your Honours at first designed. Thus we took out of the George fifty Chests of silver & sent her away as soon as we could get fifty Chests of Rupees ready, The Duke of Dorset[t and the] Princess Royal carry the remainder the first [of these ships] has indeed lain here a Considerabl[e time but had] she gone sooner there would have been too great a risque on the Princess Royal which we chose to avoid.

4TH. 12. The Madrass Galley was built as cheap as vessels of her burthen generally are at Pegue and the Leak which obliged her to put in at Fort St. David was not a defect in the Vessel but proceeded from an oversight in the Builder. That Vessel had on board then upwards of sixty Tons in salt & other goods on your Honours account besides Ballast & nothing for private Account except the Masters and Officers priviledge.

5TH. 13. Since the Orders we gave to Bencoolen for altering the method of dispatching the ships to us They have met with better Success and made tollerable passages. We shall therefore take care to see those orders duely observed & we hope thereby prevent any more such unfortunate accidents as happen'd to the George.

6TH. 14. What ships have lost their Passages of late have been either from Bombay or Bengal we have indeed for some years dispatched one of our Ships about the Middle of February occasion'd by the late Arrival of the Cloth from the Northern Consults. 4th. July Letters sent No. 77. Letter recd No. 73. Settlements which we have had great difficulty to get washed for prevention of which this season as much as in us lies we have order'd the Cheif & Council of Vizagapatam to send us up all the Brown Cloth they have on hand on the Royal George now dayly expected from Vizagapatam and the Triplicane will bring what lies at Ingeram. Your Honours may be assured we suffer no delay that can Possibly be avoided.

[15]. Tis with a great deal of concern we acquaint your Honours that the Ulrica Eleonora escaped from our Cruisers after they had waited for her till y^e^. 2^d^. of March when she fell in with them. She was chased by them to the southward of Negapatam in a large Offing but as We were apprehensive she must return upon the Coast we did not think it safe to recall them till the middle of April. While we were in expectation of her return we prevailed on y^e^. Owners of the Royal George to send her to Join the other two in hopes she might by the advantage of her sailing prevent the Ulrica's getting away a second time if she would fall in with them again. We have since been advised that she touched on the Malabar Coast about seven Leagues to the southw^d^. of Cochin for water and that the Dutch hearing of a strange ship there sent a party of men to examine them who met with about twenty of her People ashore & after a short resistance in which two were killed took and carried them to Cochin. Those advices add that the Comodore of Cochin put the Prisoners on board two Ships then bound to Batavia with orders to call in where the Ulrica lay and if her pass was good to deliver them up. But the Cap^t^. of the Ulrica apprehending the Dutch might have the same orders that we and the French had would not speak with them & therefore put to sea. A French Ship from Europe met her the 7^th^. May at Diego rais an Island about 130 leagues to the Eastward of y^e^. Mauritius and supplied her with two and twenty Casks of water with which she is proceeded for Europe. It is a very great satisfaction to us to find our proceedings last year with regard to [*a few words lost*] so exactly with the directions now received from your Honours; and We do assure you we will at all times exert ourselves to the utmost to distress all interlopers & Upstart traders whatsoever. As for Milner and Tabuteau the Supra Cargoes of the Europa we were well assured they stay behind in Bengal & were to come to the Coast on the Ulrica where they now both are, so that it would have been not only a needless attempt but very prejudicial both to your Interest & that of the private trade to have made any demand of them from the Portuguese Captain Thô had they been there no regard to our own advantage should have prevented it. We mentioned a Letter from the Vice Roy of Goa to your President last year occasioned by our forbidding our Inhabitants to trade with her for which he carryed his resentment so far as to deny product to y^e^. English ships at Goa which came from this side but on receipt of the answer our President sent him he again permitted y^m^. the freedom of the Port as Usual.

Consult^a^. 9 March
Letters sent No^o^. 29 to No^o^. 36. Lettr^s^. recd. No^o^. 30 35. 38.
Const^n^. ult^o^. 13^th^. April
Letter sent No^o^. 52. 54.
Recd. No^o^. 47.
Consult^a^. 18^th^. March
Letter sent No^o^. 37. to No^o^. 41
D^o^. 47
D^o^. recd. No^o^. 37
Lettr^s^. recd. No^o^. 46.
Letters sent No^o^. 56.
Letters recd. No^o^. 64.
Consult^a^. 22^d^. July. 7TH.

16. We keep the Cargo of the Ulrica in secure godowns at Fort S^t^. David till receipt of your directions relating thereto, but as the Provisions, Liquors & several other particulars must have been intirely spoiled by lying so long we did with consent of the Governour and Council of Pondicherry make a sale of them the particulars of which are at large in our several books now sent home.

Consult^a^. 25^th^. febry 4^th^. Aprill 29 D^o^.
Letter sent No^o^. 27. 28

17. The present designd for Maj^r^. La Farrelle on this occasion was not given him because the Governour of Pondicherry in a Letter to Your President told him the manner in which M^r^. La Farelle's services had been represented to their Company was a sufficient reward and therefore desired the present might not be made.

Consult^a^. 6 March.

18. We told your Honours last year we laid an Embargo on a vessel bound to Bengal to prevent advises reaching the Commander of the Ulrica, so soon as she appeard upon the Coast we gave the master of the Bengal vessel leave to proceed One Burgess who called himself Supra Cargo of her sent us a protest ashore for this detention & for hindering him in carrying on his trade, which as we have very good reason to beleive is what he has no permission for, from your Honours We have desired the President and Council of Bengal to examine & if he has no indentures We hope they will resent he [*sic*] behaviour in a proper manner and send him Home.

Consult^a^. 9^th^. March.
Consult^a^. 18^th^. March.
Letters sent No^o^. 49.

19. We shall give the Cap^ns^. of your ships Certificates for what money they pay into Cash on accôt of wollen goods, Lead or Iron we have sent a particular accôt to the Bay of what brought ashore here out of each ship & shall continue it. And if ever we find the Commanders exceed the quantities of goods mentioned in the manifests we shall not fail to advise your Honours thereof.

13^th^. 9 Nov^r^. 8^th^ 29. Janry.
Lettr^s^. sent No^o^. 79. 94.

9TH. Consultn. 15th. Augt. Letters sent No. 93.

20. When we thought the time for the arrival of [your two vessels from Bencoolen drew nigh we wrote to the Deputy Governour &] Council of Fort St. David that in case either of them passed in sight of that Port they shou'd put what bales they had on hand on board them in order to save the freight pd. to Country sloops for which reason we had before order'd the Prince Augustus to bring what lay there when she returned from her Cruise. The George is since come in without touching there having been cautious of seeing Pondicherry on Accôt of the reports she heard at the West Coast of a War in Europe for which reason she kept off to sea till she got to the Northward of Fort St. David.

Consultn. 18th. April Lettr. sent No. 53.

21. We shall be sure to lay hold of every opportunity that offers for lessening the expense of these two vessels & therefore as the Europe ships will bring up wt. bales they may have at Vizagapatam by Christmas and that we cannot send the George back to Bencoolen till January We are now sending her to Pegue to bring timbers for Vizagapatam and Ingeram which cannot be provided here but at an Extravagant expence which she will put ashore there & take in what bales may be left after the Europe ships are come away. At the same time she will bring what planks are still wanting for compleating the sloop at Marlbrough.

Consultn. 26th Augt.

14TH 9TH NOVR. Consultn. 12th Augt.

22. We return Your Honours our thanks for the Liberty granted us of sending us small presents to our Friends at home & have appointed the sea Customer to licence the same as also Diamonds & Goods belonging to the Officers & Seamen. The Register of the Captains goods comes in the usual form.

15TH. Consultn. 15th Augt. 17TH. Consult.

23. There has been no damage or deficiencies in the Cargoes of the ships this year except on the weight of the Lead by the Hertford which the Captain paid for at the rate of thirty ℔ Cent agreable to yr. orders. The account of the Number of Pags. and weight thereof we send in the Packet. There is a surplus weight of Lead by the Duke of Dorset and Princess Royal thô the number of slabs is right in all nine hundred weight & nine pounds which probably may account for the deficiency of that by the Hertford.

Consultn. 8th. July.

24. There came a Bale of Douroys by the Duke of Dorset which on opening ye. Packet appear'd to be damaged but the Capt. refused to pay for them affirming it did not proceed from any accident on board. We therefore appointed a Committee to examine the same who having reported the damage to proceed from their being put up damp & not from the ship we have wrote the amt of to Acct. Currt. London.

Consult. 15th Augt.

6TH. 21ST. DECR.

25. The order for sending Capt. Gilbert home directly from hence we coud not possibly comply with having kept the Prince Augustus as we last Year wrote Your Honours. We could indeed have let the ship ride the Monsoon out here but as we must then have had Salt petre from Bengal for our next years September ship very [*a few words lost*] and that we are also in great want of Packing stuff especially that Bulky article of Gunneys which the Gentlemen in the Bay write us They did not think it worth while to send a sloop with in the beginning of the season We though[t] it most for your Advantage to send her to the Bay: Especially as you will by the Prince Augustus be supplied with Coast Goods for your Spring Sale; the reason given by your Honours for ordering Capt. Gilbert Home.

Lettrs. recd. No. 45.

SECONDLY TOUCHING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

9th. 9th. Novr. 2. 21st. Decr. 10., 29 Janry.

26. We return your Honours our thanks for the Madera Wine sent us by the Duke of Dorset We wish we could have given you as agreeable an account of the sale of it as of that by the Nassau we hope however as this parcel produced three thousand one hundred & forty two pagodas or Leakidge included thirty one Pagodas & a half ℔ pipe It will be encouragement sufficient to engage your Honours to send us annually a Supply of sixty Pipes a hundred we find it to much for the Consumption of this Place the leakidge is six ℔ Cent much the same as usual.

[14th] 1st. 9th. Novr.

27. Your Honours not complying with Coja Thadeus's indent for Broad Cloth is a vast advantage to your Merchants, who have still on hand all the last thousand bales and a large quantity of what received formerly while the two sets were in partnership. We gave yr. Honours by the Lethieullier last year an accôt of the many

di[fficulties y^r.] Merchants labour'd under with regard hereto. They have now pretty nigh clear'd their bond for the first thousand bales But (as we then wrote you We apprehended would be the case), When the time of payment for the remaining thousand came we could get nothing but excuses from them & complaints of the troubles in the Country, Having therefore duely considered the ill consequences of using rigourous measures on these occasions as also that there was no Cloth indented for last year and that consequently there will in all probability none come out We consented to allow them two years time to pay for it and have taken their bond at interest for the same payable at three equal payments; which we hope your Honours will approve; since in all likelyhood this Parcel will be sold by the end of April 1736 when they are to clear the Account and make way for the six hundred Bales now indented for. We can add no more on this head to what we have for several years past wrote your Honours but must beg leave to assure you that till the year 1729 the Broad Cloth was sold at thirty ℔ Cent only. But that there was then a penalty due from the Merchants of upwards of twenty thousand pagodas for breach of Contract which sum was absolutely forgiven them & in consideration thereof (tho we own it is not so expressed in the agreement then made) they consented to the advance of five ℔ Cent, which continued only to the end of the year 1731, when it was again reduced to the old rate the Merch^ts. being apparently loos[ers by that] price.

11th. 29th. Janry.

Consulta. 15th. June.

28. We have sold off the Druggets & Camblets mentioned last year and do annually sell off such wares & stores, as we apprehend to be in danger of spoiling which practice we shall continue. The amount of stores wasted, dryed, decay'd, &c. which we have permitted to be wrote off here & at Fort S^t. David is much the same as usual.

13th. 48 } do.

Consult^a. 27th. May.

Consult^a. 10th. June.

29. We did propose to have sold a quantity of Lead the beginning of this year But the Excessive price of grain encouraging the northern boats to make a second trip They would carry nothing with them but Rupees to prevent any delay in providing their returning Cargoes and we therefore thought it useless to put any up at outcry we have now lately sold four hundred Candies at twelve pagodas which is a great price and we propose as soon as it is deliver'd to put up one thousand Candies at outcry but defer y^e. doing it till then least the Purchaser should refuse to stand to his Bargain and choose to take the chance of the outcry where we apprehend it will not fetch so good a price but as we have still upwards of two thousand Candies on hand we must sell it off. The Copper shall be sold in such manner as we judge will be most for y^r. advantage. M^r. Morse desires to make his acknowledgements for the favourable mention made of him in this paragraft [*sic*] & promises his best services in whatever employ he is.

14th. 47 } 29th. Janry.

Consult. 25th. Febry. Consult^a. 15th. Aug^t.

30. We have sent all the Tutenague receiv'd for your Dividend of the Prince Augustus to Bengal the President and Council there writ^s. us it was worth twenty Rupees ℔ Maund Some on the Charles sloop together with a few Anchors demanded from thence. We did not dare to venture any thing more on her because the master told us she was very old and crazy & she was going in the very worst season of the year which was the reason we deferr'd sending down the rupees till the Deane sail'd. The rest of the Tutenague the Elizabeth carried down freight free, but we allow'd the Owners of her one hundred pagodas for freight of treasure Bale Goods & a considerable quantity of Gun Powder sent by her in the beginning of the year to Vizagapatam where she stopped to deliver them thô much out of her way.

Letters sent No. 57.

Consulta. 22^d. April.

Consulta. 29th. April.

31. In the treasure by the Princess Royal was a quantity of new pillar Dollars which the Minters refused affirming them to be of a baser alloy than usual, accordingly we had about fifteen Chests of them picked out and of three and twenty dollars taken promiscuously out of the whole & assay'd, our Assay Master found seventeen of them to be no better than Mixico. We have therefore sent them down uncoined to Bengal & have divided the Assays abovementioned and sent half on each of these ships.

Consult. 5th. Aug^t.

32. We have sent home on the Prince Augustus some great gunns received from Vizagapatam some broken Fire Arms and two pair of Balescrews from Fort S^t. David all which are intirely useless. In the Packet is a Bill of Lading for them.

Consultn. 15th. June. Consultn. 8 July.

33. We have sent the fifty Bales of Blue Cloth on the St. Juan to Manilla and hope they will answer your expectations in the sale But as the trade to that Port is what we never dare avow and is always carried on under borrowed names We thought it necessary to use all Possible precaution to avoid Suspicion of their belonging to Your Honours and accordingly we have shifted the package & sent them as Armenian Goods & consigned to Armenian Supra Cargoes there.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

10th. 9th. Novr. 15th. 29 Janry.

34. We cannot sufficiently express the satisfaction we find in reading Your Honours approval of our endeavours for the encrease of the Investment on this coast. After the accounts we have given you the two last seasons of the several steps taken for that end We need add nothing more to convince Your Honrs. This Article is the principal point We have in view and the great object of our thoughts and attention. We sent your Honours last season four thousand and eighty seven Bales of Coast Goods and are in hopes to be able to send you at least as many this; which will

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show you We are still successful in this particular. But we are Sorry we cannot Answer Your Honrs. Expectations with regard to a reduction in the pric[es] the reasons we gave you last year at large why the cost of the Cloth provided in these parts of the Country could not be lessened, will we fear always hold, and we dare not flatter you with hopes of getting it cheaper, if so cheap as at present, unless the

23d. 25th.

French should by reason of the War be disappointed of their Supplies of money. For however advantagious the favour of the Nabob is to us in the Country's about us, yet as a very great part of our Investment is provided in Countries so very distant from us It is not to be thought but that ready money and large prices will always find goods and have the preference. We mentioned last Season the great advance in the ground rents for some time past. The Nabob has this year again raised them upwards of thirty five ℔ Cent more than the last, which together with a want of rain has occasioned many of the renters to leave the Country and the Lands lye uncultivated insomuch that we labour under a most terrible Dearth. The price of Rice at Arcot is now a pagoda for a Mercal & what little Paddy is sold here now is at no more than eight mercals for a pagoda. This alone will convince your Honours that no abatement can be hoped for at least for some time. In the Packets we send a sketch of the different prices of grain for twenty years past from which your Honours will be able to form some idea of the different prices of all other things whether for the conveniencies or the necessities of Life.

35. With regard to the Loans made to the several Merchants Our set have by contract thirty five thousand pagodas and we are well assured they have sufficient wherewith to make it good Those at Fort St. David have twenty one thousand pagodas the Ballance of which they last year paid in and that sum was again advanced them on signing this years contracts Andiapa never has above five to ten thousand pagodas before hand which is also very safe and we do assure Your Honours all possible care is taken that the sd. Loans be duely employ'd in the uses for which they are made. The above sums with the value of two hundred Bales more than the Eyles' Cargo deducted from one hundred and seventeen thousand pagodas leaves about thirty five thousand at the three Northern Settlements under Care of the Several Chiefs to which amount we sent them in the Latter part of that year and from this Accôt we hope your Honours will be under no apprehensions of Loss by the said Advances.

19th. Lettrs. recd. N°. 32, 43, 44, 49, 51, 53, 59, 60. Consulta. 13th. March. 8 April 29th. D°. 8 May. Letters sent N°. 26, 48, 50, 60, 62.

36. We have great hopes of a pritty good Investment at Fort St. David but your Honours will observe we have been obliged to allow very large prices for the Several species of Goods contracted for there. Those Merchants who reside in our bounds are not permitted to Supply Foreign Nations with goods proper for the Europe Markets. But we cannot prevent such branches of their Families as are Settled in the several Factories on this Coa[st] from Contracting with those among whom they dwell, as the Persons residing with us do for your Honours, especially in a Country where we are not the Masters. It is true when the French brought little or no money into the Country we had pretty much the command of it, and

could then tell a Black Merchant he should not serve us if his family served other nations but the case is now vastly alter'd and the demand for Cloth is so great from all sides that it is a great thing if we are able to provide it at any rate or on any terms.

37. The large Investments made of late at the Northern Settlements have proceeded from the great encouragement we have given y^m^. and shall to the Utmost of our power continue. But with regard to the cheapness of their Cloth your Honours will see the reason thereof in what we have already told you under this head about the dearness of grain. Especially considering the large Expence of bringing it from the Countries about those Factories; and that the Customs on grain this year imported from those parts amount already to upwards of nine thousand five hundred pagodas, since then it is from hence apparent, that the price of Provisions there must be so considerably less than with us. It is equally plain that the price of labour must be in proportion and consequently the Cloth purchased at cheaper Rates. 17th.

38. In answer to what your Hon^rs^. remark of our not Supplying them with Cash so fast as they desired it we beg leave to refer to our Letters to Vizagapatam by the Nassau on which Ship we sent them the full amount of their whole Demand. It was not till some time after that they saw a probability of laying out a larger sum which we Supplied them with overland (the Northerly winds preventing our doing it by Sea) as soon as the ceasing of the troubles in the country made it safe to send it. Lett^r^. sent anno 1732 N^o^. 39.

39. We are glad your Honours approve of the leave given to build a godown at Ingeram. Our late Letters from thence press us very much for leave to build a House likewise for the Resident. We formerly order'd an Estimate of the charge thereof and a plan to be sent us, when it comes we shall allow nothing more than we find really necessary; and that we doubt not your Honours will approve. 18th.

40. What Cloth M^r^. Graham provided at Maddepollam almost all of it came out of the Ingeram Country and therefore as we found it was a needless expence to continue him there we sent him down to gather in his Ball^es^. in the Beginning of the Year and on his succeeding M^r^. Sanderson at Ingeram have order'd all the moveables away from thence and shall not send another Resident down thither. 22. Consult^a^. 22d. April. Lett^r^. sent No. 69. 11th. 12 9 Nover.

41. There are no orders in the list of Investment for providing Pepper, Turmerick or Cowries and We have none on hand. If in future your Honours should Direct our sending any We shall observe to have them shot loose in the hold. The Deputy Governour & C^o^. of Bencoolen sent Y^r^. Hon^rs^. last year upwards of fifty Tons over freight by the Ship then dispatched, and we apprehend they design to fill the Lyell let her take in never so much more than she lets for. Be pleased to let us know, If we shall direct them to send us in future such over tonnage to be sent at half freight on y^r^. ships from hence; and whether If any of the Maldivie vessels should bring Cowries hither which could be brought as cheap as those you receive from Bengal we shall purchase any on y^r^. Account.

42. We shall send annually a Calculate of the Quick stock remaining on hand by the two last Ships dispatched, which was till now only order'd to be sent on the last. 42d. 29 Janry.

43. We gave Your Honours the reasons last year why we did not send any Betill[as] home which still subsist. Our merchants refusing to provide any of the yard wide Moores for shirts cheaper or better than those which we last year refused we have agreed with another Person and hope we shall be able to send them in January, till when we shall not have any [of] the Photaes ready. 43d. Consult^a^. 8th. July.

44. When we came to take into consideration the Letter sent your Honours from Fort S^t^. David by the Normanton, We immediately foresaw the ill consequence of contracting with their Merchants to take the cloth as it arise instead of according to the Numbers a thing which at y^r^. Presidents first arrival we were obliged to Submit to here in order to get any Cloth at all in this part of the Country; but which having found the inconveniency of, we shall as soon as possible remedy We therefore forbad the Deputy Governour & Councill to continue it accordingly in their present Contracts they have again agreed by numbers. Letter. recd. N^o^. 26 [31] 32. 36. Consult^a^. 13th. March. Letter. sent No. 48.

24. 45. By the great encouragement given last year for all Sorts of people to come to Fort S^{t}. David We hope they will be supplied with Washers sufficient for their Business, at least when the present Scarcity is over. But we are at a Loss to know what employment to find for y^{m}. in the bounds when there is not cloth to wash but what must be expensive to your Honours and which we apprehend you would not approve.

46. We observe in the List of Investm^{ts}. this year Y^{r}. Honours have demanded ten thousand pieces of blue Cloth. We are therefore in hopes you will excuse the omission we made y^{e}. last in not acquainting y^{r}. Honours of the reasons of our exceeding so much in that article then; which were that a part of it was what should have gone upon the Eyles, the rest we were obliged to permit the Fort S^{t}. David Merchants to bring in as an equivalent for their Performances in other articles.

47. We told your Honours last year that having searched Precedents with regard to y^{e}. damaged goods by the George we found it had been settled, that by the Custom of India nothing was allow'd on that Account. For the same reason & many more in the Consultation held on occas^{n}. of the Maddepollam cloth damaged on board the Mary we passed to account of Profit and Loss the Amount thereof being much the same as the damage of the beforementioned goods sent on the George to Bencoolen came to.

Consult^{a}. 25th. Mar:

Fourth touching the trade of India in general & therein any Transactions with the Country Government.

48. It is some concern to us that we are obliged to begin this head with the usual Complaint of the badness of trade our Manilla Ship almost the only voyage left that we could depend upon a Profit from has left all her Cargo behind. We have however this year resolved to make another Push and are now sending a Ship to Persia and another to Mocha besides one to Manilla to fetch back the old Stock. But the prodigious Import of China Goods from Maccao has prevented sending any ship to China.

25th. 29 Janry. 49. The Account we gave your Honours last year of our Proceedings with regard to the Ulrica Eleonora & the Europa will have shown Y^{r}. Honours the first Visit Imaum Sahib made your President which proved the foundation of the interest he hath Since made by his means with the Governm^{t}. was of great advantage to your Affairs.

26th. 50. By our last years advices y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will have had full Accounts of all our proceedings in regard to the Wyndham and we hope they will meet your approbation.

27th. 51. We acknowledge Your Honours great kindness in the indulgence granted to our Manilla trade & as we have hitherto had the pleasure to find our conduct in the management of Y^{r}. Affairs entrusted to us hath been agreable to you we hope we need not add any further Assurances to convince you that this or any other favour you shall please to confer upon us shall not be abused.

29th. 52. As we are sensible the carrying Goods on freight for Y^{r}. Rivals in the trade of India must be very prejudicial to your Interest. We always discouraged it to the utmost of our Power But as the Lending money to the French or other Nations whereby they have been enable to send ships of their own is equally prejudicial we came to some resolutions thereupon last year of which we then informed your Honours We have since advised the Gentlemen of Bengal thereof but have not yet heard if they have done any thing [of the] same kind there.

Lettr^{s}. sent N^{o}. 49.

[3]0th. 53. In order to prevent any further complaint of our Grain vessels being stop'd by the Dutch at Palliacat We have given Passes to as many as deserved them which we hope the Chief & Council there will have regard to.

31st. 54. We observe the ship that the French Supplied with Goods at Goa got safe to Europe but hope the ill success of the Ulrica will prevent any further attempts of that kind on this Coast.

55. We purchased as much rice & paddy in the beginning of the year as was Sufficient for the Garrison, Washers & other necessary Servᵗˢ. which they have also done at Fort Sᵗ. David we design'd to have bôt in a further quantity to keep in store in order to prevent Engrossers making an immoderate Gain by the necessaties of the Poor but it rise so fast upon us that we could not compleat the Purchase. Consulta. 25 March.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING BUILDING FORTIFICATIONS & REVENUES.

56. The repairs which we gave Mʳ. Davis and Council leave to set about in the year 1732 were deferr'd till yᵉ. next season, & were then for some cause or other we judge his ill state of health again put off We have therefore now directed the present chief Mʳ. Sanderson to go about them and we believe they will be Substantially & frugally perform'd We have already mention'd that we expect a plan for a [House] to be sent us from Ingeram. In these nor in [any] other article we will not suffer any Extravagan[c]e or unnecessary expence whether it be here or at any of our Subordinates. 32. Lettʳ. sent No. 92.

57. The several Repairs mentioned in the report of our Committee taken notice of by yʳ. Honours have been compleated and We send an Accôt of them in the Packet. The not doing them at first when the Expence was so much smaller was undoubtedly a great fault We will now be carefull to keep every thing in good repair being sensible a much less expence will keep them from decay than put them in order when decayed We entertained a Surveyer of the Buildings on this occasion who is again discharged. 38th. Consulta. 6 March.

58. As we think thirteen Sargeants and thirteen Corporals as few as Possible to do the Duty of the Garrison in a regular manner we shall agreable to the permission now given us bring them to that Number. 33d.

59. The Renters of the Fort Sᵗ. David bounds have by gradual encroachments enlarged the priviledges granted them by their Cowle to the oppression of the Poor by collecting Juncan on the smaller necessaries of Life. When we made the regulations there the last season we did not come to any resolutions on this Article but having since applied our thoughts thereto we have thought it necessary to strike off from that Cowle all Juncan dut[ies] whatever knowing well that if it be allow'd [in some] Particulars it may with ease be [extended] to many more and that Farm is now let on the new termes at the same rate as formerly. The measuring duty at a small advance. 34th. 46th. Consulta. 8 April. Lettʳ. sent No. 50. Lettʳ. recd. No. 70. Lettʳ. recd. No. 61.

60. We have relet the Fishing Farm the only Cowle which has fallen in this year at the old rate, and having found cause to believe we were imposed upon by the old Ruby Broker we resolved to take that employ from him But as the nature of that Revenue is such that we must necessarily depend on the Blacks for the collecting of it we Judge'd it most for your advantage to let it at a rate certain which we have accordingly done for one hundred & fifty Pagodas ℔ Ann. more than it has produced in a medium of eight years. Consulta. 22d. April. Consulta. 6 May 10 June.

61. We have examined the Calculation made by your Accomptᵗ. on the coining of Rupees here & Assays made of our Rupee in which We find he has made some mistakes. The first is in yᵉ. Calculation of the produce of the sixty Chests of silver mentien'd by him which he supposes to be standard Silver whereas forty two Chests of that parcel were Mexico Silver wᶜʰ. being 2 dwᵗˢ. worse makes a deduction of three thousᵈ. three hundred twenty one rupees and three quarters from the ten thousand nine hundred & eleven rupees and seven eights which he makes to be deficient A second Error is that he calculates the Coinage at one & half ℔ Cent instead of two ℔ Cent which the Minters were then allowed this makes a[further] reduction of [two] thousand Six [Hundred and fifty R]upees & half 37th. Consult. 20th. Augt.

The Account then stands thus—

Deficient by y^e. Accompt^t. Calculation		10911	14 —
ded^t. 2 dw^ts. on 42 Ch^ts. Mex^o. Silver is... ...	R^s. 3321	12 —	
d^o. ½ ℔ Cent on Coining sh^t. allowed	2650	8 —	
		5982	4 — [*sic*]
	Remains R^s.	4929	10 —

four thousand nine hundred twenty nine Rupees ten Anas which Sum is allow'd for the charge of refining one hundred Sixty nine thousand and thirty eight Ounces thirteen penny weights of y^e. s^d. Silver which is as Y^r. Accomptant reckons about one & one fifth ℔ Cent. That the two Sums above ought to be deducted appears from the s^d. Calculat^n. Sixty Chests of silver being estimated to loose R^s. 10911. 14. — at 1½ ℔ Cent Coinage; Fifty Chests at the same rate, but with the allowance of 2 dw^ts. to loose only 7274. 6. — and Forty Chests with y^e. ^sd. allowance of 2 dw^ts. at 2 ℔ Cent for the Coinage only 4065. 11. 8 That the allowance of one & one fifth ℔ Cent for refining is not Extravagant. Our Assaymaster has assured us & gives for reason That silver wasts at least a half ℔ Cent in refining and that when allowance is made for the Expence of Lead, Fire wood, Charcoal, labour &c^t. there will remain but a very small Gain to the refiner. This is the fullest & plainest account we can give Y^r. Hon^rs. of this Matter to which we shall only add That ever since the year 170[2] when the first Silver was [coin'd] in our Mint there has been the same [rate of] Calculation used for reducing silver [to y^e. same fineness] as is now.

62. Another mistake in the s^d. papers is where it is said that the rupees rec̄d of private persons for coinage are brôt to your Credit at three and a half rupees ℔ Pagoda which is a Loss to you Whereas by inspecting the mint Account it will appear those rupees are received in specie & so deliverd into the Warehouse & the General books will Shew that they are sent in Specie to Bengal or Vizagapatam so that there can be no real Loss or gain arise from the rate they are calculated at to bring them into our books.

Consulta. 5^th. Aug^t.

63. We have not put your Order in execution this Season for reducing the Coinage to one & half ℔ Cent because it did not reach us till the Latter end of July after we had enter'd into an Agreement with Tomby Chitty and some other Persons to be security for the payment of the produce of what Silver we should this year coin on Your Honours Accôt and for clearing of the ballances by the end of the year, which agreement we thought necessary to make on account of the great difficulty we always found in recovering those ballances from the Minters which is now avoided. When we called them before us & proposed this Reduction to them They told us they had already Contracted with their workmen and allowed them wages in proportion to the Custom they were to receive and that it was impossible to bring the[m to o]ther terms this Season but that they [would endeavour] it wh[en] they had finished what was now in hand. To this we were obliged to acquiesce on accôt of the late Season of the year and the long delay it would occasion if we insisted thereon at present besides that probably it would be without Success.

Consultn. 10^th June.

19 9 Nov^r.

64. We shall Charge the Customs and Consulage on Coral as directed & grant bills for the produce if desired.

44 29 Nov^r.

65. The Horses bought for your Accôt we assure your Honours were at the cheapest rates Those which were sold being quite worn out & useless it is not to be wonder'd at that they should produce but Little. The same has been the case at Fort S^t. David this year where we have allow'd the purchase of six new ones in the room of so many dead or grown incapable of any longer Service.

Lett^r. sent No. 71.

66. The Widow Burton (to whom and her children we paid a monthly allowance of twenty five Pagodas) being Dead and one of her Daughters married we have reduced the allowance for the other to ten Pagodas ℔ Month whereby there is a saving of one hundred & eighty Pagodas ℔ Annum in that Article. Consulta. 25th. June.

67. When Mr. Davis left us this year to return to Vizagapatam we recommended to his Serious Consideration the state of the Revenues of that Place and directed him to explain [much more] fully than has been done hitherto the [dire necessity] of the several Guards kept up there and whether any saving or advance might be obtained in any of these articles & Since his Death we have again recommended the same to his Successor but he has been there so short a time that we have as yet received no Answer thereto. Lettr. sent No. 43. Lettr. sent No. 73.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS WRITORS OFFICERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

68. We have received from Mr. Wynch thirteen pagodas thirty two fanams the difference between 125 and 111. 4. according to yr orders. When he came out We were directed to recover the sum of Fifty pounds due from him out of his Salary and Gratuity which being Fifty Pounds for half a year & cast up at nine Shillings for a Pagoda we did not apprehend it was to be paid any otherwise than as he received it & therefore stopped the exact sum which was due for Salary and Gratuity. This gives us an opportunity to represent to yr. Honours the case of yr. Servants on this Coast with regard to this Article. It is now some years since yr. Honours were pleas'd to direct the rate of Exchange to be reduced to eight Shillings at which rate there are very few of us who have not been obliged to make remittances in yr. Cash for purchase of such things as you are pleased to all [ow to be] sent us on yr. ships thô we have all [of us been receiving [s]alaries at [the] rate of nine Shillings. We cannot believe your Honours design this shall be the only article in yr. books remaining at that Exchange & since you have order'd the amount of all goods received from England as well as the Bills of Exchange to be reduced at eight Shillings we are apt to think it [has] sliped yr. notice or else we are assured Yr. Honours are too good to make this only exception so apparently to our Loss. We have not however presumed to make any alteration herein till you shall be pleased to give us leave. 40th. 29 Janry. Consulta. 12th. Augt.

69. The reason of our Sending our Consultations by piece meal of late has been the dispatching two ships frequently together as particularly ye. Derby & Duke of Cumberland this time two years. Had we kept back one set to go for the year one of those ships must have gone without any contrary to another order from your Honours that every ship shall carry the Consultations &ca. to the time of her departure. We now send a set on each ship and having a supply of hands this year we shall send one in January for the whole year. Yr. Honours will observe we now note the reading of every consultation at the beginning of the next. 41st.

70. Mr. Robert Allen shall be sta[tioned] agreable to your Orders In January we [will acquaint] yr. Honours in what manner he makes return to you for this favour. 45th.

71. We have already often assured Yr. Honours that we would encourage Diligence in Yr. Servants, & advance such most who merited the best The deaths & removes last year made room for Mr. Rous at our board without encreasing the number beyond what is usual. He desires to return his thanks to Yr. Honours for this fresh mark of yr. favr. to him. Messrs. Day, Fytche & Denny are arrived from England and as Messrs. Oaker and Edwd. Benyon are Dead we shall venture to keep Mr. Wodnoth with us instead of sending him to Bencoolen. 50th. 55d. 71st. 52d.

72. Mr. Edward Harris has been a Considerable time at Fort St. David & should have been recalled long ago if he had desired it but thô your directions about him have been here so long he hath not hitherto applied to us and we therefore Suppose he chuses to continue where he is. [If] not he shall come up when ever he makes a request for it. Mr. Holland was made a Lieutenant on the Death of Mr. Orrill & we have given an [Ensigns] Commission to Mr. [*lacuna*] Faillet in his room. 72d. 67th. 73d.

62d. 63d. 73. We have never heard of John Geo[rge] Stephani, William Bridgen shall be discharged if he desires it & pays the sixteen pounds he cost your Honours when he came over.

54 74. We have not for many years admitted any persons [to Cove]nants except those expressly ordered by [yr. Honours]. Mr. Casamajor this year whose indentures we now return executed in the Packet by the Prince Augustus Mr. Green is dead. We had occasion a few days since to demand of Mr. Naish what security he had given for Performance of Covenants to which he answer'd that when he took them up there was none demandd. of him.

55 Consulta. 26th. Augt. 75. Our Gunner has entered into bonds to serve five years in that employ whenever we have occasion to make a new one we shall observe he doth the same.

Consulta. 29th. May. 76. Mr. Davis late Chief & Mr. Dockwra third of Vizagapatam we are sorry to tell Yr. Honrs. are both dead. Mr. Simpson second there was by permission from us come up hither some time before so that there remained only Mr. Jos: Goddard at Vizagapatam. We therefore immediately appointed Mr. Sanderson, whose services at Ingeram have been so agreable to Yr. Honours, Chief of Vizagapatam and sent Mr. Graham (whom we also made Second of Vizagapatam) to Ingeram in his Stead. Mr. Samuel Harrison is third of Co. at Vizagapatam and We have agreable to yr. Consultn. 5th. Augt. Directions last year for having two Company's Servts. at Ingeram order'd Mr. Joseph Goddard to assist Mr. Graham.

77. There have been no alterations among yr. Covenant servants except the recalling [of Mr. Edw]ard Fowke from Fort St. David and sending [Mr. Chas. Floyer down] thither in his room And that Mr. Weston our Assay Master having been for these twelve months past afflicted with a distemper that hath taken away the use of his limbs is obliged to go home on the Royal Guardian. We have found him perfectly well qualifyed for his employ & are therefore very sorry he must leaves [*sic*] us. His going is out of pure necessaty and we therefore (at his request) desire Yr. Honours will not esteem it to be a laying down Yr. Service if he should recover and be able to come abroad again. He has for some months past been instructing Consulta. 5 Augt. Mr. Johnson in making Assays & we have appointed him to supply Mr. Westons place.

78. Capt. John Powney an old Inhabitant here is also obliged to go to England for his Health. He hath also desired us to tell Yr. Honours his going is only on that accot and that he hopes you will not look upon it as leaving the Place but will give him leave to return as soon as his Health will admit of it.

57th. 79. With regard to the allowance to Yr. President for his table He assures Yr. Honours thô he has always kept it within those bounds which decency required of a Person in his station, yet he could never bring the expence of it within the Compass of the allowance recd. from you on that account when at the largest, and that an addition of five Company's servants this year will make it fall yet [more shorter]. We cannot therefore see how [to secure an addition] that shall be esteem'd equitable between your Honours & him whereby you can be any ways gainers. This allowance for diet was by an express order from Yr. Honours settled at seven thousand Pagodas ℔ Ann in the year 1722 in the room of the General Table which cost you above thirtn. thousand Pagodas ℔ Annum. Yr. Honours will therefore easily conclude that sum could not be equal to the expence. However as the then President and Council were obliged to follow the directions they had received they settled an allowance of ten Pagodas ℔ Month to the Council and eight to the under servants and since yr. Honours fixed y[e.] Charge at seven-thousand the President was obliged to accept of the remainder thô short of the expence he must necessarily be at since that time the Price of all manner of Provisions is raised to almost double what it then was & therefore if the allowances were then so small yr. Honours will easily conclude both Yr. President and other Servants must be at considerable expence on this Accôt themselves.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

80. We shall observe to add the batty on the Rupees coined here for Bengal in settling our Accounts with that Presidency. But as the value of silver is generally from fourteen to fif[teen] [Doll]ars for ten pagodas We think the [*a few words lost*] & fifty current Rupees for one hundred pagodas. [*A few words lost*] them into Pagodas will be as nea[r *a few words lost*] truth as three hundred and thirty and therefore shall for the Present continue it at that rate till further Orders. 49th. 29th. Janry.

81. We have given orders to our Accomptant and Storekeeper to bring their Accounts into the method directed and at the prescribed rate of Exchange and we shall for the future send annually some of the rupees and Pagodas coined in our mint to yr. Honours and shall keep some of every parcel so sent here also. 40 68 Consults 1[2th] Augt. 69.

82. We have drawn ye. following bil[ls] of Exchange on ye. usual terms ten of them in r[e]turn for Coral The others either agreable to orde[rs] received from you or for the expence of some of our Inhabitants or their Children which we the[re]fore pray Your acceptance of. They are as follow—

	£			P		
1st. 2d. 3d. to Moses Franco & Brothers...	143	4	5	358	1	78
to Judah Supino & Son ...	187	5	1½	468	5	64
to Do. ...	146	15	9	366	34	6[6]
to Abrahm. Fernands. Nunes Isaac Son	366	12	5	916	19	6[8]
4 sets dated 3d. Inst. value of Rll. Fowke.						
1st. 2d. 3d. to Philip Mendes da Costa dated 12th. value of Randall Fowke	367	10	11	918	31	10
1st. 2d. 3d. to Jno. Turner or order ...	10000	—	—	25000	—	—
to Jno. Turner & John Lauder.	8383	15	1¼	20959	14	—
to Judah Supino & Son ...	231	7	4	578	15	—
to Edward Jasper or order ...	289	13	4	724	6	—
to Abraham Portello ...	521	12	—	1304	—	—
5 sets dated 15th. Inst. of N. Turner						
1st. 2d. 3d. dated ye. 20th. to Philip Mendes da Costa value of Randll. Fowke	389	12	11	974	4	[10]
1st. 2d. 3d. dated ye. 20th. to Jno. Powney value of himself	[40]00	—	—	10000	—	—
1st. 2d. 3d. dated ye. 24th. to Mrs. Grace Le[gg] & Thos. Hall Esqr. [value of] Richd. Benyo[n Esqr.]	[4000]	—	—	10000	—	—
1st. 2d. 3d. To Thomas Weston value of himself	440	—	—	1100	—	—
1st. 2d. 3d. To Judah Supino & Son value of Randal Fowke	377	15	3	944	14	50
Two sets dated the 25th. Instt.						
1st. 2d. 3d. To John Freeman Esqr. value of Thos. Cooke dated 28th. Inst.	200	—	—	500	—	—
1st. 2d. 3d. to Charles & Edmd. Boehm value of Catharine Cons[ett] dated 31st. Instt.	40	—	—	100	—	—

SUPPLEMENT.

David Williams who was tryed in December last for a murther Comitted at Bencoolen and was found guilty only of Manslaughter has been a Considerable time in Prison again for threatning the life of one of our Officers and we take this first Opportunity of sending him away by the Prince Augustus.

By the Calculate of Tonnage on board the Prince Augustus Y^r^. Honours will observe she wants twenty five tonns if the requested salt petre be not included the fine part of the Eyles's Corgo being put on Board the last years Ships and only the Courser sorts such as Gurrahs, Photaes & Shellaik on this ship is the occasion thereof as we apprehend we would have sent more bales but the Cap^t^. assured us he could not take them in.

As Sugar, Arrack & Rice are excessive dear here and that the Prince Augustus [has orders] to go home in C^o^. with the Dutch [*fleet . . .*] at S^t^. Helena is very pre[carious] we have not put any Goods on board for that Place.

The amount of the Invoice by this ship is one hundred twenty seven thousand two Hundred thirty two pagodas twenty eight fanams & seventy Six. Cash 127232. 28. 76 Garnets licensed by her two hundred and fifty Pagodas 250. Cap^t^. Hoadly has registred nothing here but Cap^t^. Goslyns Register amounts to [*lacuna*].

We wish this Ship Safe Home to your Honours and are

FORT S^T^. GEORGE — HONOURABLE

AUGUST 31^ST^. 1734. — Y^r^. faithfull humble Servants.

P. S.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE SEP^r^. 2^D^. 1734.

Y^r^. Merchants did this day in Consultation [pay] thirteen thousand & Six Hundred seventy six Pagodas twenty six fanams in full of their first bond wee say of the principal of their first bond for Broad Cloth.

LETTER TO CAPTAIN F. GOSTLYN, DATED [?].

[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 11 pp. 39–40*].

To — VENTO DA CUNHA S[ERRA]

CAP^T^. FRANCIS GOSTLYN
COMMANDER OF THE PRINCE AUGUSTUS.

S^R^.

Having put on board your Ship as much Goods as you can take in we now Direct you to repair on board & with y^e^. first Opportunity of wind & Weather to set sail for the Port of London in Great Brittain. The first Port you arrive at in England you are to send your Purser over land with the Packet herewith delivered you M[ark^d^.] A directed to the Honble Court of Directors for Affairs of the Honble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies at their House in Leaden Hall Street London taking care to write to them yourself likewise to give them an Acc^t^. of any thing remarkable that you may meet with in the Voyage.

Cap^t^. Henry Hoadley in the Royal Guardian sails in C^o^. with you Our Honble Masters have given Orders to our Presid^t^. and M^r^. Benyon to inform him & you of the signals which they have thought (upon occasion of the Present troubled state of Europe) fit should be given to all their Ships homeward bound we have therefore no directions to give you on that Subject but as there is great reason to apprehend there may be a War in Europe before you get home we therefore positively order you not to speak with any Ship at sea which you can Possibly avoid least they prove Enemies we also Order you to call in at the Cape & if you have advises there of a War you are to proceed in Comp^a^. with the Dutch fleet if you meet with them there or get in before it arrives but if the s^d^. Fleet is sailed you must make the best of your way to S^t^. Helena where you will Doubtless have directions from our Hon'ble Masters how to proceed for the remainder of y^r^. Voyage. When you are going in to S^t^. Helena you must observe to anchor before you come open with Chappel Valley

near Munden's Point and to send your boat[s ashore] to give the Gov^{r}. there an account who you are he havin[g orders] to fire at all ships which do not observe [these] direction[s. You must] also deliver y^{e}. Goods you have on board [for] the Island to the Order of y^{e}. D. Gov^{r}. and Council with our Pac[ket] for them.

If you fall in with any of our Honble Masters homewd bound ships either at the Cape or S^{t}. Helena you must strictly observe to keep Company with them unless by so doing you should be obliged to break thro' any of the Proceeding directions given you.

As you touch at the Cape It will be acceptable to y^{e}. Gov^{r}. and Council of S^{t}. Helena if you will carry them a supply of Seeds Plants &c^{t}.

We think it is needless to repeat to you our Orders not to come near any Ship at Sea least they should be enemies & therefore only add that we wish you a good Voyage and date this [*lacuna*].

LETTER TO CAPTAIN H. HOADLEY, DATED [?]

[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 11, p. 40*].

To Cap^{N}. Henry Hoadley
Comm^{R}. of y^{E}. Royal Guardian.

S^{R}.

You having given us notice your d[e]sign'd to sail the beginning of September we have this day deliver['d] Cap^{t}. Francis Gostlyn in the Prince Augustus his Dispatches [in] order that he may go in Company with you, we now also delive[r] you a Packet directed to the Honble Court of Directors for affairs of the Honble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies which we desire you will on y^{r}. arrival in any Port of Great Britain send up to them by your Purser.

Our President and M^{r}. Benyon have this year received f[rom] the Secret Committee of y^{e}. East India Company certain sign[als] which are to communicate to y^{e}. Commander of all ships that [go] home from hence. They inform us they have accordingly giv[en] them to you, we have therefore nothing to add on that subject but our advice to you to Call at the Cape for news. We have by direct[ion] of our Honble Masters given Cap^{t}. Gostlyn possitive Orders if h[e] meets y^{e}. Dutch fleet there or that it be soon expected & there is certain advice of a War to go home in C^{o}. with them but if they are sailed then to proceed to S^{t}. Helena as you are not under our Dispatch we can only tell you we apprehend the Honble Company w[ill] expect that you proceed in the same manner.

We suppose you have already had y^{e}. usual instruction[s] relating to going in to S^{t}. Helena keep[ing] Company with such Ships belongs to our Honble Masters [as you may] meet with [on] your Passage hence & avoiding speak[ing with any] ship you [*lacuna*].

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 22, 1735.

[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 11, pp. 41–83*].

To the Honourable the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Honourable United Comp^{y}. of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Honourable

1. Our last advices to your Hon^{rs}. were by the Prince Augustus & Royal Guardian dated the 31st. August with a Postscript of the 2^{d}. Sept^{r}. Those ships were dispatched the same day & sail'd the 5th. We then answer'd most of the Paragraphs of the Letters we receiv'd from your Hon^{rs}. this Year & gave an Account of

our proceedings since the Departure of the Normanton, such Articles in your Letters or Occurrences in the Management of your Affairs here as we then entirely omitted or only cursorily mention'd we shall now endeavour to give you a satisfactory Account of under the usual heads.

FIRST, CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURNED

2. By a Letter lately rec^{d}. from Batavia we hear the Grafton arrived there the 16 May but cant learn whether the Harrison was in Company with her. The Wilmington & Middlesex are arriv'd at Bombay the former the 21st. the other the 23^{d}. Sept^{r}. but by Letters of the 22^{d}. Nov^{ber}. from Surat they had not then heard of the King William The Heathcote from Bengal for Bombay with Saltpetre & Redwood sail'd the [*lacuna*].

3. We have as yet no news of the Lyell further than that a Vessell lately come from Atcheen brings advice of a report there that she had been at Batavia. The Madrass Galley left Bencoolen the 10th. August at which time the Lyell was not arriv'd, & the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. & Council were in great Apprehensions least the Investment shou'd suffer by their want of money, which put us under a necessity to return that Vessel wth 5 Chests of Silver for a present supply, in case the Lyell shou'd not be arrived with them.

4. The Drake was design'd a Country Voyage from Bengal, but the Ockham being unfortunately burnt, she with the Hertford & Princess Royall will go home from the Bay. We have sent the George to take in her Loading at Fort S^{t}. David & if she can possibly be ready to go wth. the Mountague & Duke of Dorset now under dispatches they will call there to take her up & the 3 ships will sail in Company. If not the George shall be dispatched as soon as possible after them.

5. We are apprehensive they will hardly overtake the Dutch Fleet, but their late arrival from the Bay is the Cause of it. The two ships now here arriv'd from thence the 28th. Decemb^{r}. & the George who called at Vizagapatam not till the 4th. Instant. We have however order'd them to touch at the Cape, & they have y^{e}. necessary directions in case of a War in Europe. The Presid^{t}. & Council of Bengal write that y^{e}. [burn]ing of y^{e}. Oakum retarded the Dispatch of these ships.

6. Upon Occasion of the accident that happen'd to the Eyles we wrote the Presid^{t}. & Council of Bengal that thô they [sent] the Invoices to your Honours directly, we apprehended it wou'd be of service to Your Affairs to consign the Goods to us & gave them for reason that the Comand^{r}. of the Eyles refused to deliver the Cargo into our hands, because he had sign'd Bills of Lading for the delivery of it in England, In answer to this they tell us in short that they consign the Cargoes in the manner your Honours have order'd. We hope no such accident will happen again, but we shall be glad of directions hereupon in future, because we cannot but think it wou'd have been for y^{r}. Interest to have had the rich part of her Cargo at least sent you on the very first Ship, which we were incapacitated from doing by y^{e}. above mention'd method of consigning it.

7. The George belonging to your Honours has brôt the Timbers &c^{t}. that we sent her to Pegue for & is now hourly expected from Vizagapatam. As soon as these ships are gone we shall return her to Bencoolen with a further supply of Silver least the Lyell shou'd have miscarried.

8. The apprehensions of which has engaged our thoughts how to relieve that Settlement & preserve the Investment in case of such an accident for which purpose we have wrote to Bengal for a supply of salt Petre that we may be enabled to Kintlage one of the expected ships & send thither for y^{e}. last years Crop of Pepper, if on our next advices from thence we shou'd find it necessary.

9. And as we observe the annual Produce of the Country is more than the Chartyparty Tonnage of any one of the ships, we have order'd the Galley to bring a Loading of Pepper over here if they can spare it, which we shall send at half Freight on the ships we dispatch from hence.

10. We have bought a small Vessel about 25 Tons for the service of the West Coast which shall be sent thither with the George, she was sent to Fort S^{t}. David & carried into the river to avoid the Monsoon & is now coming up with a Lading of Bales.

11. The Duke of Dorset & Mountague have each taken in three hundred bags of salt petre here, for which a seperate bill of Lading comes in the Packet.

SECONDLY, TOUCHING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

12. We have already sent the Merchants Indent for Broad Cloth by these ships we forward our Acco^{t}. remains in the Ware-house & Store house together with our Indents for Wares & Stores wanted for the year 1736.

13. Agreable to our promise by the Prince Augustus we sold a thousand Candies of Lead at outcry which produced a small matter more than 11$\frac{1}{8}$ Pag^{ds}. ℔ Candy, which is less than of late, however as your Honours have often told us, it wou'd be an acceptable service to you if we cou'd encrease the consumption of the English manufactures, & that we apprehend while Goods produce any thing more than silver, you would chuse to send them, we have indented for 1500 Candies now & we propose with that quantity to be able to keep the supplying the Country in our hands.

14. We have sent on the Jane to Bengal, Freight free, the Copper we had in our warehouse, observing it sold better there than with us, which we hope your Honours will approve, you will observe by our Indent at what price you may expect a profit on that Commodity here.

15. We were greatly at a Loss, when the Galley return'd fro Bencoolen with advice that the Lyell was not arrived, for silver to send thither, we applied to the French & Danes to procure some but were disappointed, there was not a Dollar to be got in Town nor at any of the Country mints, however the necessity's of that Settlement were so urgent, that we at last agreed to take a part of the silver seiz'd at Porto-novo which thô Piller Dollars were yet better than none & we are apprehensive we must take some more of it to send thither by the George.

16. From hence it will appear we used our utmost endeavours to supply the Presid^{t}. & Council in the Bay, but they are so very urgent with us for early remittances that we have determin'd to purchase as far as our Cash will go, when any silver comes, to ease them of the Load of Interest they complain of & that we may be able to do this the more largely we have taken all the money that has offer'd for Bills.

17. On the new Ware-House-Keepers taking the Account of remains at Vizagapatam, there were found some few odd things spoil'd by length of time, which we have directed to be sold, & given orders thither that they annualy take a survey of their remains at closing their Books, & advise what is in danger of spoiling.

18. On the Duke of Dorset we have sent a parcel of Musquets & Locks for which a Bill of Lading comes in the Packet.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTM^{TS}.

19. The Invoices of these three [ships] with what the Prince Augustus carried in September compleats our Investment for this year, & is somewhat more than three thousand eight hundred Bales. The Death of M^{r}. Davis at Vizagapatam & the necessary removes thereon have greatly disappointed us with regard to the quantity we hoped for from the northern Settlements, but as every thing is now settled we are in hopes of as large an Investment as formerly. Andiapa at Porto-novo & the Fort S^{t}. David Merchants have been pretty industrious & we are thereby enabled to give the George an early dispatch, what Cloth we have had from thence has been we think tollerably good & we have no reason to apprehend what that Ship is to take in will prove worse.

20. Your Honours have but too much reason to observe the slender performances of our Merchants here; thô we cannot entirely excuse them yet there is a great weight in what they alledge with regard to the Famine & the difficulty they found

in getting the Cloth out of the Weavers hands after they had advanced the money for it. Rice in November last was at 240 Pag^{ds}. ℔ Garce, which thô a price never before heard of was yet much cheaper than in the Country.

21. By these two ships you will have a sample of our performances in the Soot Romals. There are more Sortments than we design'd, but it is the vice of the times & all our Care has been ineffectual to prevent it. The money for these goods was advanced directly into the Weavers hands, without which there is nothing to be done, & we were obliged to take what they brôt us. Altogether we think your Hon^{rs}. will be pleas'd with them, & if too large a Demand at first doth not hurry the Weavers into a bad sortment we hope it will be an improving article in our Investment.

22. Our Merchants have brôt in some few of the 40 & 50 Covid Betillees, but so intolerable bad we cou'd not think of receiving them. The Patterns of the Chints Moorees by these ships we hope will please For the other complaints which have been made for several years past of the badness of the Workmanship We must say the abatement M^{r}. Macrae made in the Price of the painting was not likely to mend them.

23. The Moorees of the common Sorts what few there are of them we must own are but very indifferent much inferiour to the old musters, but then indeed they do not cost so much. We do not know when these Sortments were first introduced, but we shou'd have thôt it wou'd have been more acceptable to your Honours to have kept up the old Musters thô we had advanced the Prices rather than to have run into a bad manufacture for an abatement. We will use our utmost endeavours to give better satisfaction in these sortments next year. The superfine Moorees yard wide for shirts we contracted for with another hand, & we recomend them as being a very even Sortment. If your Honours wou'd have them still finer the Price must be advanced. The Izzarees we are in daily expectation of from Ingerã & hope they will arrive in time to send them on one of these Ships.

24. As we have fail'd in several Articles of the finer Goods, so also in the Courser we do as yet fall short of complying with the whole quantity demanded; nor can we say there is an equal proportion observ'd in the several sortments. We beg your Hon^{rs}. to be perswaded we have done our best, & that it has not been in our power to be more exact.

25. By the Prince Augustus we advisd your Honours we had made a Contract at Fort S^{t}. David & then took notice of the large prices we had been obli[ged to a]llow, notwithstanding which we have since been necessitated to advance two Pagodas in a Corge for the blue Cloth on Acco^{t}. of the prodigious rise in the value of Indigo. We hope your Honours will think our reasons for this allowance substantial & good.

26. We have sent no goods to S^{t}. Helena by these ships, The Capt^{ns}. telling us they have their Charter Party Quantity from the Bay.

Fourthly, touching the trade of India in general, therein any transactions with the Country Governm^{t}.

27. We wrote your Hon^{rs}. last year by the Lethiullier all that we were able to do here in consequence of y^{r}. orders for entring into a union with the Presidency's of Bengal & Bombay for carrying on the Trade of India from one Port to another. The necessary attention which your other Affairs required upon the Dispatch of the Jan^{ry}. Ships depriv'd us of the opportunity to say much more by them. The General Letter from Bombay under the 17th. Jan^{ry}. & our reply thereto dated the 8th. of Nov^{r}. show your Hon^{rs}. the sentiments of that Presidency & ours upon this subject, whereby we flatter ourselves you will be convinced that we have no views, no designs which are inconsistent with the general Interst. The 10th. Jan^{ry}. last year having occasion to mention the Sweeds ships to the Gentlemen in Bengal we added in order to influence their resolutions to seize her if she escaped from us & return'd to the Bay, That if she shou'd make reprisals our share of the trade of India was so

very small that there was little likelyhood we shou'd suffer much from her. But they whose concerns were larger wou'd run a great risque. All that we said further to them upon the Trade of India is in the 3d. Paragph. of the same Letter. Their answer is dated the 9th. April, wherein they tell us, that as to our share in the trade of India being so very small it is our own faults if it is no more, & that since we decline it only because they can not entirely give into our proposals, they are not apprehensive your Honrs. will think any fault lies at their door. We must upon this occasion acquaint your Honrs. that thô we believe we shall hardly be induced to have any concerns with them till our proposals are agreed to & your orders complyed with yet we should not insist so much thereon cou'd we otherwise be upon any terms of security with them. And we beg leave for our justification to represent to you why we cannot be so. The Complaints of Bombay & this Presidency, that the Goods provided for the ships, by the Gentlemen in Bengal, have been greatly over invoiced, are of long standing; but however as constantly denied, as they have been charged wth. it. Was there no foundation for them we cannot but be of opinion they wou'd have met with very little difficulty in uniting their several Interests there without inforcing it by putting your orders in execution & then their Voyages wou'd always find Credit with us & Bombay, because in such general concerns where so many upon the spot are interested we shou'd have no reason to doubt but that sufficient care wou'd be taken, those who provided the Cargoes did it upon the best & cheapest terms & we might be very secure in relying upon their Bonâ Fide; but that immoderate profit which they are supposed to make by what they call the Difference betwee the Arrung & Calcutta prices is too favourite an Article among them to be easily relinquish'd, & they were well aware that must be the consequence; If they had declared their resolution to put your orders in execution as Bombay & we did. For otherwise as the same orders direct that the under Servants & Free Merchants shou'd have free liberty to be concern'd in such Voyages as were set on foot, it would have occasion'd a general remonstrance to them that wou'd have exposed to public view the secrets of their trade which howmuchsoever they had formerly denied they cou'd not well have persisted in, to those who were upon the spot & sufficiently acquainted with Instances to the contrary. Difficulties unsurmountable have been pretended thô they have been very cautious not to give an Instance of one of them, at least not to us, & your orders have been laid aside, & subjected to the popular cry of freedom of trade & no restraint, is the Watchword that so much clamour has been made about & great pains & industry has been made use of to inflame the minds of the people & to represent it in a manner that was never design'd or intended. We will not say the factions there have deterred us from ent'ring into any engagemts. wth. them, but we cannot think of it till we see a better agreement among them, the most general that we hear of is between the President & two more who did very kindly offer us to be concern'd a third part in such ships as belonged to them free of Comission, but tacked to the hard Condition of being concern'd in all such Voyages as they shou'd think fit to set on foot; We wou'd not willingly uncover the nakedness of our Bretheren, but the great Losses they have suffer'd are too well known to be any secret. Their Surat ships did for the most part return them far short of Principal. The French Judda ship has divided upwards of 40 ℔ Cent Profit, & thô ye. Shawallum, bound to the same Port, had the advantage of a great freight, arrived first there, & before the French ship got there, had sold most of her Cargo at higher prices, yet if it had pleased God she had arriv'd safe in Bengal, it was not computed she wou'd have divided above ten or twelve ℔ Cent. It wou'd be a reflection upon their prudence to suppose they wou'd run such monstrous risques for so poor a Profit as appears upon any of their Voyages, yet those only wou'd be all that we shou'd partake of, & therefore your Honours will not wonder that we have declin'd entring into any engagement with them, or submitting our Fortunes to be absolutely disposed of by them as they shou'd think fit. Thus have we giv'n you a state of this matter as it stands between us & the Gentlemen of Bengal; wth. whom did We not despair to have any better agreement, we shou'd be far from renewing our complaints of being entirely shut out of all trade there, while we have the Mortification of seeing the Armenians & Moors making very considerable profits under our Noses; We must therefore become humble

Suitors to your Hon^rs^. that we may have the liberty to send for our Goods out of the Country & to have the use of the Dusticks. A Liberty that we think wou'd not have been refused us had we been rightly understood before. We are far from an intention to send any Englishmen up to the Arrungs, but only desire, those we send as Supra Cargoes upon our ships may have the Benefit of your Protection at Calcutta, the Liberty of sending Gomastahs into the Country & of having a right to ask for a Dustick to clear the Goods as they come down. And as this is no more than what every Company's Servant nay every Armenian & Banyan in Calcutta enjoys, we hope your Honours will not think we ask anything unreasonable.

28. When we told your Hon^rs^. by the Prince Augustus we wou'd never abuse the Indulgence you have been pleased to grant to our Manilla & Mocha Trade in permitting us to take such Cloth to send to those Markets as should appear on examining to be unfit for your use, we cou'd not imagine we shou'd be under a necessity of preventing others from turning that Liberty you had granted us to your prejudice, for we cou'd by no means think since we our selves had for so many years avoided sending even that Cloth which wou'd not serve for Europe to those places least your Investm^t^. shou'd be thot to be affected thereby, that two or three private persons in the place wou'd attempt to fit out a ship for the latter of those ports to be loaden wholly w^th^. Cloth which was to be made purposely for her of an inferiour goodness to any sortment provided for you. But to our great surprize the Owners of the Bristoll Galley inter'd upon the Scheme. Your President, as soon as he got notice thereof sent to tell them in a private manner they must think no more of it; but not content with this intimation, they deliver'd us a petition, the Day the Prince Augustus was dispatched, in Council for leave to send their Ship to Mocha w^th^. a Freight of three hundred Bales almost all of it belonging to Armenians & Gentues & two hundred more for themselves all to be made purposely for the Voyage. Which Petition was by us rejected for the reasons you will find at large in our Consultations & was thereupon follow'd by a remonstrance w^ch^. if your Hon^rs^. have leizure to read you will find to what an height an education in the Mayors Court can carry your Servants & in what manner the Indulgence of Trade you give them is by some of them perverted to the prejudice of your Interest & the general good of the Place. The Complaints made against your Governours & Councils as Tyrants & Oppressors have hitherto been secretly insinuated under pretence that fear of an arbitrary treatment checked an open application to your Hon^rs^. for redress of their grievances. But the old Mask being of no service at present, it is thrown off & their licentious principles openly & indecently avow'd. How consistent such Practices & Behaviour is with the dignity of the Government by which your Interest in these parts must be supported, Your Hon^rs^. will please to judge, & we hope, apply a proper remedy too; It being impossible you can hereafter be again amused by what has too long imposed upon your goodness. Which this remonstrance vainly attempts to do, by ridi[culously] & [*sic*] well as arrogantly endeavouring to perswade that tho your Investment is at stake, no restriction ought to be put upon designs, which if not calculated on purpose, have yet a natural tendency to destroy it & the trade of the Settlement. When this remonstrance is stript of its irony & false insinuations, the substance of the Argument is no more than this, whether it is an advantage to your Investment that a bad manufacture shou'd be introduced, or the present fabrick kept up & whether you are likely to get a greater quantity the more these young fellows want. You have been so indulgent as to allow of a Mocha Voyage, & that allowance implies conditionally it is no Injury to your selves, a Subscription to such an amount was set on foot & no body refused a concern therein, if these Sparks have none, it is because a fond opinion of their own management & a Chimerical notion of an unlimited right in them of doing what they please prevented them. Where they sucked in this vanity & Independency your Hon^rs^. will not be at all at a loss to guess. But sure we are, if it is not checked, neither your own affairs or the general or real Interest of the Settlement can be preserv'd. To avoid swelling this Letter we beg leave to refer to our Consultations for an explanation of some of their malicious suggestions & a Confutation of their false reasoning & shall conclude this Paragraph with hoping your Honours will show a proper resentment against this Set

of Men, who, if pardonable for the contemptible opinion they have of us in our judicial & ministerial Capacities, yet heartily deserve punishment for imagining you can be so easily impos'd upon.

29. The 27th. October last we recieved with concern a Letter from the Chief and Council of Tellicherry desiring a supply of Men for the Defence of the Factory which the near approach of the Canarie Army made them apprehensive was in some Danger. We [are the m]ore uneasy on this account because their Letter came too late for us to Comply with their request, Our Ships being all gone off the Coast to avoid the monsoon. We wrote them therefore that we wou'd supply them, if possible this month, if in answer to our Letter they shou'd advise us it was not too late. This Letter was sent the 29th. October, & we suppose if those Gentlemen were still in want of the Succours wrote for, & believ'd they cou'd be with them in time, we shoud long e'er this have had an Answer, but till we have, we cannot think it for your Interest to levy one hundred & fifty Men & hire transports to carry them thither.

30. Imaum Sahib was again here in Septber. last & we made him a present of the same value as when he was here before. Your Honrs. will believe we wou'd put you to no expence of this kind if it cou'd be avoided, & you will also please to recollect that it was through his Influence we were enabled to conduct the Sweedish Affair so much to your Advantage.

31. Under this head we have only to add our hopes that your Honrs. will approve the directions given to Mr. Saunderson for the support of those persons who escaped from the wreck of the Shawallum & got ashore at Vizagapatam. There were about 90 Persons sav'd, all without Cloaths to cover them, & except a very few, without a farthing to support themselves: In this Calamity we thôt it incumbent on us to direct the Chief to allow them such a maintenance as was consistent with decency & frugality till such time as conveyance offer'd either for this place or Bengal.

Fifthly, Fortifications, Buildings, Repairs, & Revenues.

32. By the Prince Augustus we transmitted an Acco[t]. of t[he repairs of]the Garrison consequent to a former Survey & promised to keep all your Buildings in good order which we shall strictly observe. There has been no alterations in this Article since that time except that on a Survey of the Sea gate & Salt petre Godowns we have found it necessary to order them both to be taken down & rebuilt, we shall cover them with Arches wch. will be more durable & cheaper than Timber since none of the old will serve again.

33. In the 58 Paragraph of your Letter by the Drake your Honours take notice that when the Accomptant delivers in his annual report there are only such remarks made thereon as naturally follow on reading such report but that no expedients are laid down or Methods found out for raising the revenues, or lessening the expences of this place & its Subordinates. To this we beg leave to reply that althô this is not immediately done on reading the report yet those Articles are frequently in our thoughts & often debated in our Consultations: A proof of this we hope your Honours will have perceiv'd in the Alterations made at Fort St. David in the year 1733 which we then advised you & to which we have the pleasure to observe in a Letter from Fort St. David of the 30th. Ulto. the Deputy Govr. & Council attribute good part of the advance in their Revenues this last year.

34. We have this year been as diligent in our enquiries about those Articles at Vizagapatam. We have already come to some resolutions thereupon, & before Mr. Saunderson, who is now here, returns, we shall come to a final determination about the several Articles mention'd in their Letter of the 24th. December.

35. We also transmitted to your Honrs. the [last year the] report of a Committee appointed to examine into the causes of the decay of the trade of this place, & an Acco[t]. of the Steps taken consequent thereto for the advance of the revenues. The 5th. April we sent yr. Servants in Bengal such part of our Consultation of the 7th. Janry. as related to their Ships importing at the Moors ports to the Southward which

we represented to them as a practice highly prejudicial to your customs here. We perswade ourselves you will not think they had much reason to be offended at our request to them as we did not desire they shou'd be under any more restraint than we were ourselves. Their Answer is dated the 6th. May, wherein after having willfully mistaken the orders we recd. from you last year, & fixt the date of them so far back as the year 1708 because we have referred to a parellel case at that time; they endeavour to prove by a new sort of Logick that if they did not import at the Moor's ports your revenues here wou'd suffer. With submission also we take it that they strain the Priviledges & Indulgences you have been pleased to grant them by their Indentures further than can be made out. They seem to think if they do not act any thing wch. is inconsistent with the good of your Trade to Europe they are left at Liberty in all other respects. Sure we are our Indentures are otherwise & oblige us to submitt to such rules, regulations, & limitations as your Honrs. shall at any time think fit to direct & appoint & that none of our Trade shall be prejudicial to your Trade & Commerce, a very valuable part of which we are humbly of opinion your revenues ought to be esteem'd.

36. As to their other insinuations that our proposals were calculated for our own private Interest & with a view to [. . .] goods to the Southward to sell them again to their Ships at an advanced price, we take leave to assure you upon our certain knowledge & experience, that when their Ships imported here, they procured their returns much cheaper than now. Those goods were chiefly imported here by the Natives who always make their bargains better to the southward than we can. The Bengal Ships came here as to their Home, & it was not certain what rout they would next take, but their going to the Southward to the Moors ports is too plain a declaration of what they are about, & the Natives there know so well how to make their advantage of it, that the same goods which they used to buy up here, they give now much more considerable prices for there. However thô we think it would be better they did not go to the Southward, yet to clear ourselves from all suspicion of having any private views of our own we will not oppose it. But we believe your Honrs. will think it reasonable that they shou'd first clear here in like manner as you have order'd all English Vessels shall do at Surat before they go to Vertage.

37. We must not omitt to add that we are advised the Gentlemen in Bengal design to acquaint you as one reason or at least a pretence for sending their Ships to the Moors Ports, & others upon the Coast, that they cannot have the assistance of our Boats here. We do remember that last year about the time your Europe Ships were sailing to the Bay, & we were in some hurry to dispatch them so that they might reach the river at a proper time of the Moon, we order'd most or all the Boats upon that service; The Gentlemen in Bengal wou'd possibly have been more obliged to us for a different Conduct, but your Honours wou'd perhaps have thou[ght us to be de]ficient in our Duty.

38. We told your Honrs. in a former Letter that your Merchants had promised their endeavours to bring a Number of Weavers into the Bounds. We have been disappointed in our expectations from them but some other persons undertook the work & engaged a considerable number to come out of the Country, whereupon we gave them a Cowle on certain terms & Conditions, & appointed the Garden lately occupied by Sunca Vancata Chilum for erecting a Town for their residence. We shall not repeat the Contents of the said Cowle, nor the reasons nor arguments given for incerting some of the Articles which you will find there, but refer to our Consultations where they are at large, The Cowle itself you have copy of in the Packet.

39. We have met wth. some opposition in building this Petta, the Nabob having been made to believe that it will be a prejudice to the revenues of the Pune melle Country, so that we proceed as yet very slowly therein, we have however hopes of setting this matter to rights in a little time. The Cause of this opposition we can impute to nothing but the practices of Sunca Vancata Chilum with the Pune melle renters of which thô we have not such evidence as will amount to Legal proof, (& indeed designs of this nature being generally carried on in a very close manner,

such proof can be hardly expected) yet the circumstances & presumptions are very strong against him, we have not however proceeded any further with him thereupon than what your Honours will observe in our Consultation of the 20th. of last month, & we beg leave for a fuller & further Account of this Affair to refer to such Letters & Papers as the President will transmit to you.

40. With regard to the spot this Town was to be built on we found Sunca Vancata Chilum in possession of it as a Garden ; On an appeal he lodged to the King in Council in Novemr. last, he offer'd this security of the Costs of the said Appeal. On producing the Title to it we were unanimously of opinion that it was a bad one, & it was agreed to resume it into your hands, only Messrs. Morse & Monson desired the Case might be referred to your Honours, Sunca Vancata Chilum having been at some expence thereon. But we thought his behaviour such as did not deserve any favour from us. For the same reason we have also taken from him two houses in the white Town paying him the present value for them as settled by four indifferent Referrees on which conditions he was first permitted to buy the for the more convenient carrying on his business, while he was one of your Merchants. These Houses the Store-keeper now makes use of to put the stores in, instead of hiring Godowns for that purpose, wch. he before was obliged to do.

41. The objections to the title produced by Sunca Vancata Chilum arise from the Grant itself being given by President Collet alone without either the privity or Consent of the Council, & without any consideration either paid down or reserv'd to your Honours for the same, thô the Grant is made to him & his heirs for ever. Had we pass[ed] this [by] we shou'd as much as in us lay have given a sanction to the like practices in future & your Presidents might by degrees have alienated all your Lands.

42. There remains nothing more upon this head, but to remark that of the six thousand Pagodas which we are sorry to say the expence of this place is this year encreased; four thousand are for the general repairs of all your Fortifications & Buildings, which having been let alone several years, swell'd that Article to this amount. One thousand Pagodas more is under the head of Charges Garrison for a greater number of Europeans on the Rolls head money & refreshment for the new men & some other lesser Articles such as arrears of salary & Diet money to Messrs. Peers & Foxley, The Presidents Journey to Fort St. David & the like.

43. We are under a necessity to represent to your Honrs. the State of the Scavangers duty & the very bad condition of the Streets which that duty was collected to prevent. It is paid by the Inhabitants with a very ill will, because of the little benefit they have from it. In the year 1705-6 the amount of the Scavangers duty collected was under 500 Pagodas & the Charges 360. But as the Town & Inhabitants encreased so has the Scavangers duty which amounted last year to eleven hundred Pagodas, however little more has been expended on the Streets than the[re] was twenty years [ago w]hich means whenever They come to be thoroughly cleaned it will be a very chargeable work thô this is much complain'd of by the Inhabitants, yet no publick presentment has been made of it by any of the Grand Juries out of regard to your Honrs. because they know it is a grievance we shou'd be very glad was remedy'd. We shall be obliged this year to be at some extraordinary expence in those Streets where the nusance is greatest. For the rest if your Honrs. will permit us to expend the whole Sum upon them that is annualy collected for that purpose, we hope to effect all that may be necessary in a few years, & then a much less sum will be sufficient to keep the Town clean & in good order.

44. At Fort St. David the expences are likewise encreased near two thousand five hundred Pagodas, most of it on Acct. of your Presidents being down there at the seizing the Sweedish Effects & people, the rest in the Article of Charges Garrison. As to the encrease of the expences at Vizagapatam and Ingeram those books are so lately arriv'd that we have not had time to examine the particular Items of it, but it shall be done as soon as we have a little Leizure.

45. The Revenues here your Hon^rs^. will observe by the Accomptants report are encreas'd the last year ending 30^th^. April upwards of five thousand five hundred Pagodas, but by the List of all the Revenues for twelve months ending 31^st^ Decem^r^. 1734 they exceed the former year above fifteen thousand. The Chief Differences are in the Articles of Bengal goods, China Goods, & Grain, the former exceed the proceeding year about two thousand Pagodas. The Prince Augustus & three Maccao ships from China have added five thousand & the Import of Grain this year amounts to six thousand Pagodas more than the last. There are some exceedings in other articles, & there are some others where the Imports have been less, but they are not worth while particularising here.

46. Your Honours will observe the greatest part of this encrease arises from the much larger quantitys of China Goods imported this year than usual & the advance in the price of Grain, so that you will not wonder if the Sea Customs next year shou'd fall considerably again since the Market was so overstockt with all China Commodities that we sent no ship thither this season, & the Maccao Men, at least the latter Ships had but small encouragement from their sales to come again, & it is to be hoped Grain will never bear so great a price as it did this Year.

47. At Fort S^t^. David the revenues for eleven months exceed the twelve months preceeding almost eighteen hundred & fifty Pagodas thô by the books ending in April the advance is little more than five hundred of this large advance The Deputy Governour & Council say one thousand Pagodas or thereabouts is occasion'd by the Cargoes of the Mocha & Bussero Ships, the remainder as we have hinted abo[ut owing] to the Indulgence granted to the Inhabitants there the last Year.

SIXTHLY, FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

48. Your President acquainted us in Dec^ber^. last of his design to return to Europe by these ships. He accordingly takes his Passage on the Mountague together with M^r^. Roach whose ill state of health for some time past obliges him to quit the Service. These removes reducing the Council to six, we have agreed to call M^r^. George Torriano to the board, but the other vacancy we shall leave open till we have your orders about i[t] in obedience to a standing rule, not to fill up any more when there are seven at the Board.

49. M^r^. Wynch one of your Chaplains also goes on that Ship whom we recommend to your Hon^rs^. favour on Acco^t^. of his Behaviour here. M^r^. Turner & his family return on the Duke of Dorset, & M^r^. Thomas Yeates with Lieutenant G[ra]ven on the George. These are all the alterations s[ince] our last advices except the Death of M^r^. Foxley [which] happen'd the 29^th^. Sept^ber^. In his room M^r^. Simps[on] was made upper Searcher at the Sea-Gate.

50. The Care of the Cash & Min[t] was deliver'd over to Richard Benyon Esq^r^. last month, M^r^. Burton succeeds him in the Export [Ware]house & M^r^. Roach as Paymaster; M^r^. Morse is Land Customer & Accomptant in the room of M^r^. Burton, & M^r^. Monson has M^r^. Morse's former employ of Import Warehouse-keeper. The Account remains in that Warehouse was interchangeably sign'd by those Gentlemen when deliver'd over.

51. By the muster of Rolls here & at Fort S^t^. David your Hon^rs^. will observe that nothwithstanding the large recruits rec^d^. this & the former year, We have but nine more than the Complement appointed by you, & will thereby find the Calculate we last year sent you of the number of recruits necessary to be sent out annually was very near the truth.

52. On ballancing the Books at Fort S^t^. David ending April 1734 Your Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. & Council there write us they found a Debt due from the Beetle & Tobacco Farmers for 3 months rent, which they affirm'd they had paid & produced their Vouchers for. The receipts were thereupon compar'd with the Books as far back as 1717. In that year they found a receipt given by M^r^. Hastings for 3 months rent rec^d^. which was not brôt to Account. This Affair has been strictly examin'd into & the Fact appears evidently to be as stated above & the reason that it was

never found out before is that till this year the Beetle Farm has always been in the same hands & consequently the head in the Ledger has been the same so that they have carried this Quarters rent forward from one Set of Books to another as a ballance due from the Farmers. We have given orders however to them & directed the same to be observ'd here. That before the Close of the Books the Accomptant do compare the receipts given the several Farmers with the entries in the Boo[ks] [which we hope] will prevent any more accidents of this kind. But we are afraid we shall not be able to recover this money since we know of no Effects belonging to M^r^. Hasting[s]'s Estate remaining in India, except some money deposited in the Mayors Court by the executors of M^r^. George Tullie on Acco^t^ of a Dispute between them & M^r^. Wenday the latter claiming a Dividend of M^r^. Tullie's estate for money he had charged for Commission on the Estate of M^r^. Hastings & detain'd in his hands, which M^r^. Wendey pretends he had no right to, & his Executors have therefore deposited the money there till the Dispute shall be determin'd, but which way to come at the payment of this Debt out of this Deposit we are at a Loss to know.

SEVENTHLY, TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

53. Under this head we have nothing to add to our former, but to request your Honours will be pleased to accept the following Bills which we have drawn on you at the usual rate & time. Those which are for Coral are entered in a Register which comes in the Packet as usual, The remainder will swell our Cash considerably, but we shall be enabled thereby to comply with the request of the President & Council of Bengal, who write us they shall be obliged to borrow several Lacks of Rupees at Interest & therefore press us for an early supply of money to ease that eating Charge. The Bills are as follow.

54. We have also rec^d^. of Cap^t^. Duncomb Backwell two thousand six hundred & forty Pag^ds^. 2640 [for produce] of twenty Bales of Cloth Aurora for [which we have] granted him certificates agreable [to your orders.]

EIGHTLY, TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

55. Your Hon^rs^. will by our Letters to the Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. & Council of Fort Marlbrô the two last years find the order in your 59 Parag^ph^. of your Letter by the Drake has been complyed with our Directions to that Settlement having been laid down at large in those Letters as well as the reports of our Committee which we shall continue. What alterations we have, (upon examining the Books which came last from thence) though proper to be made & w^t^. other rules & directions we propose to give them when we send the George thither your Honours will find in our Consultation of the [*lacuna*] at which time the Committee gave us their remarks on the proceedings of the Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. & Council to w^ch^. we beg leave to refer.

56. We annualy send a quantity of Cloth on your Acco^t^. to that Settlement & it is disposed of in Barter for Pepper in the Country of Anacksoongey.

NINTHLY, RELATING TO THE NEW CHARTER.

57. Upon this head we beg your Honours will permit us to give you our sentiments at large & with freedom. This Charter is a novelty which by dividing the authority of the Government has occasion'd a like division in the obedience of the People. The Effects thereof have been gradually known, but are too sensibly felt in the Confusion & Disorders of the Place. Discord & Faction have so disturbed the tranquility of the Settlement that the natives heretofore used to a different way of thinking from their education & the Principles of their Religion, are now by the new doctrines which are broach'd & inculcated among them become exceeding slack & loose in their dependance & we have too much reason to be convinced, the Curb & Reins of the Government are too weak to keep them within the bounds of their duty & to prevent their ingaging in schemes that aim at little less than involving the place in blood & ruin, Attempts new & unheard of till these latter days, & which will require great application to prevent their taking Effect. If our resentment has not

been equal to what such crimes deserve, It has proceeded from a Defect in our Constitution which checks us in our resolutions of making any obey us, & very often obliges us to dissemble with those who do.

58. The rise & spring of these disorders we must impute to the disputes we have had with the Mayors Court. Disputes that have occasion'd much Scandal, which with it's hidden poyson has had a great Effect upon the minds of the ignorant & unreasoning people; nor have there been wanting those who have been indefatigable in their endeavours to invalidate our authority both acting & talking with the utmost contempt of it.

59. If your Hon^rs^. will please to look into the particulars of the Contests we have had with the Mayors Court, of which we shall presently give you the Detail, you will find the Question no more than this, (whether the Powers delegated to that Court; or those to the Gov^r^. & Council; were of the greater force & Authority). We believe your Hon^rs^. will be of Opinion, they have managed their arguments upon it with too much freedom & little respect, & that their reasonings, if we may call them so, have always had a strong Tincture of the Passions by which they were animated, of which that we might not remain any longer in Doubt they have at last peremptorily declar'd & that upon record that they are accountable only to a Power superiour to us.

60. We wou'd not be understood in the following Account to charge every one who during the subsisting of these Disputes has been a member of that Court w^th^. fomenting them; but only a Set of Men who have w^th^. great Industry preserv'd themselves a majority on that Bench for no other purpose, that we can perceive, but to embroil the Place & affront our Authority.

61. Your Hon^rs^. having so long since as the year 1730 blam'd that Court taking upon them to dispute the Decrees of the Court of Appeals, we believe we shall be justified in saying there appear'd in that Body from the beginning a fondness for a larger share of Power than the Charter gave them. The Prosecution of Marcasagahim formerly mention'd to y^r^. Honours was evidently an Attempt for the enlargment of their Authority & imprinting a Dread of them in the minds of the People, & therefore their surprize & Disappointment [. . .] to be expressed when they found the Jury had cleared him of the Fact laid against him in the Indictment. Nor was the resolution they came to hereupon less extraordinary or to be parallelled w^th^. anything but their subsequent proceedings. On this occasion M^r^. Parks openly declared it was high time since they had been disappointed in this cause to find other ways to support their Authority & that the Court wou'd no more trust to Indictments, but exert themselves when any thing of the like kind happen'd again; Accordingly in a few months after they proceeded against Rama Chundra, in the manner we last year mention'd. We have already given you a full Acco^t^. of this Affair, & the measures we have found ourselves obliged to take & shall therefore say no more about it, but that this was the properest person they cou'd pitch upon for their purposes, since had they not been prevented in their Attempts, it wou'd beyond dispute have shewn the Inhabitants the Authority of the Government was at a very low Ebb, since they cou'd not protect a person so considerably concern'd in the collecting your Revenues, an employ which in former times gave the Possessor great influence over the rest of the Natives. This man therefore they laid hold of, & because the Instructions in the Charter say the Court may fine & imprison any of the Parties or Witnesses who misbehave themselves in Court they first obliged him to give Bail in five Hundred Pagodas to appear whenever he shou'd be called upon for the space of a month, & at last imposed a Fine of fifty Pag^ds^. on him for what they call prevaricating with the Court [without] giving him any Charge or even asking him what he had to urge in his excuse thô directed to be done in the very paragraph of the Instructions whereon they grounded this proceeding and without any regard to that part of the Charter itself which reserves the power of imposing pains & penalty's to the Presid^t^. & Council. Rama Chundra offer'd Bail for the Payment if the Sentence was confirm'd by the Court of Appeals, but as suffering it to be carried thither wou'd not have answer'd their purposes, nor have encreased their

Power since it wou'd have been confessing their actions to be liable to Controul; they immediately committed him to Prison, & declared it their Opinion that no Appeal lay for a Fine.

62. Your Hon^{rs}. will we believe think it was high time for us after this to be alarmed & to proceed vigorously in the Defence of the Liberties of the Inhabitants by putting a stop to this usurpation of Power. And we have by experience found it was very well we did so, since their subsequent Conduct has shown us there was but too much cause for the Apprehensions we were then under of their making an ill use of the unlimited power they claim'd to themselves. We call it unlimited because they declared it to be their Opinion that they had a right to impose Fines & to commit to Prison without Bail such as refused to pay them & that no Appeal lay for a Fine so impos'd. From whence this plain consequence must follow that the estates & liberties of the Inhabitants lay at their Disposal. For if no A[ppeal] will lye from the sentence by which a Fine is imposed such fine may be as large as they please & consequently may exceed what some persons are worth who not having wherewithal to discharge such fines must remain in Prison for them. That this is not aggravating things will appear by the Fines lately imposed on some of your Servants for excusing themselves from serving on that Bench which they have fixed at 100 Pag^{ds}. a greater Sum than the allowance they have from y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. for a whole years Subsistance.

63. We have thought it necessary to release the Persons so fin'd from the Payment thereof, because we observe in the Charter as we before remarked that the making new by-Laws & the imposing Pains & Penalties were reserv'd to us, & that consequently the Mayors Court have no power to inflict them; besides that no by Law relating to this Affair having been yet transmitted to & Confirm'd by your Hon^{rs}. A refusal to accept of that employ is not a breach of any ordinance hitherto made, & where there is no Law there can be no Transgression. We have however thôt such a Law necessary & have therefore made one w^{ch}. we shall wait for your approval & confirmation of, before we put it in Execution.

64. After we had by delivering Ram Chundra out of Prison prevented as far as in us lay the ill consequence of the beforemention'd attempt, We thôt it mi[ght] be proper since the King had granted all Fines to you, to enquire whether the Court had ever levied any before & to w^{t}. amount since the arrival of the Charter which we found amounted to two hundred & nine Pagodas & twelve Fanams, and they told us they had spent the money. However we were so little inclin'd to give them disturbance on this head, that we have never since asked them for it contenting our selves only with telling them that no process from their Court was legal, but what was issued to the Sheriff & we well hoped they wou'd have had regard thereto, but we have but too just cause to say our Lenity has only administred to their Usurpations, & the less we have kept them within their due Limits, the greater have been their encroachments, Of which we believe the Proceedings of the last year will convince your Hon^{rs}. very fully. We shall mention a few of them leaving lesser matters as not worth troubling you about where there are things of so great importance to be spoke to.

65. The imposing Fines we have already mention'd on persons for not serving; a necessary consequence of that is the refusing those already chosen to resign; This was never thought of till this year nor wou'd have been pretended now, but in opposition to us, In the month of August last M^{r}. Saunders one of the Aldermen agreable to his Indentures as a free Merchant petition'd us for leave to go to Bengal. There were at that time Mess^{rs}. Harrison, Irwin & Parks absent, the latter thô gone to England still pretending to hold his seat among them, M^{r}. Foxley in such a condition as made him incapable of giving Attendance there, Mess^{rs}. Saunders & Wright going away, & a Vacancy not filled up so that there remain'd only the Mayor & two more which number being necessary for holding a Court, we foresaw many inconveniences from so small a number particularly the Interruption of Justice by the sickness of any one of them, & the necessity we shou'd have been under of permitting such of them as were in your Service to continue here, whatever call there might have been for them at the Subordinate Settlements, (since it is not to [be]

supposed they wou'd resign the Aldermanship on such an occasion) that we might not put a full Stop to the Course of Justice by their removal. We therefore insisted upon M^r^. Saunders's staying a shore, or resign^g^. his Employ; The particulars of the [Far . . .] on this occasion being in our Consultations, we shall not here repeat them; but proceed to tell your Honours M^r^. Saunders thôt fit to continue ashore in obedience to this imaginary Authority claim'd by the Court. But that M^r^. Wright having a greater regard to the Interests of his Fortune than to lay aside his Voyage on that accot they have lately as we are inform'd, declared him an unworthy Member & imposed a Fine on him of no less than one hundred Pounds sterling. That we have not said too much when we assert this thing wou'd not have been thôt of but in opposition to us will appear from the minute of Court whereby they pretend to give M^r^. Saunders leave to go to Sea if he promisses to return in six months or send them word that he cannot; which carries a plain Confession with it that it is not in their Power to prevent him.

66. The next thing we think proper to mention, is a Claim avowed by the Court that their Mayor shou'd be free from Prosecution during this Mayoralty, thô they granted the usual process against the Presd^t^. & Council at the suit of a bla[ck Merchant]. They treat our Secretary for entring an Action against M^r^. Naish as a person wanting common sense & modesty, & say he was guilty therein of such a breach of the Priviledges of their Court as justly deserv'd their resentment even to Fine & Imprisonment. Your Hon^rs^. will please to judge whether the Charter gives them any such immunity as they pretend to in this Point, & will observe how tenacious they are of the right we last year disputed w^th^. them of fining & imprisoning at pleasure.

67. The re-electing M^r^. Naish this year into the same Office shows how far the beforemention'd Claim may be extended, since if the Mayor be not liable to prosecution during his Mayoralty, & he may be chose two years successively he may be priviledged as long as he lives since he may be rechosen as often as the majority of the Aldermen shall think fit. We did not however swear him into the Office; The Charter in express words requiring a new Mayor to be chosen evry 20^th^. Dec^r^. w^ch^. word new were it possible for us to mistake the meaning of, so far to understand it to signifie, no more than to re-elect, yet the words preceeding & following in the Charter wou'd immediately determine the sense of it, for it is there expressly said (another person) shall be chosen into the said Office; this was urged to them without Effect, althô backed by the statute of the 9^th^. Queen Ann forbidding in so many words any Mayor of a Corporation to hold such office two years successively. The Court only telling us they had consider'd the terms of the Charter & did not look upon that Act of Parliament to concern them & therefore they wou'd abide by their Election.

68. These 3 Articles relate more particularly to themselves; The next we shall mention is a Liberty they assume of disputing the Decrees of the Court of Appeals, on occasion of a Sentence there passed & transmitted to them they are pleased to charge the Court of Appeals as guilty of a high breach of their priviledges & declare they cannot admit the Decree to take place without betraying the trust reposed in the by the Royal Charter, the Occasion hereof is not to the purpose; since whether the Decree was just or unjust the Charter having expressly commanded them to put the decrees of the Court of Appeals in execution they were warranted in so doing w^ch^. we believe they will hardly find themselves in refusing of it, & we shou'd have thôt the Check you were pleased some years past to give them for disputing the Decrees of that Court which has been more than once urged to them this year wou'd have prevented this.

69. This Claim however extraordinary & irregular is yet nothing in comparison of another Step they have taken which is recieving a Petition praying them to take security & transmit an Appeal to the King in Council which the Court of Appeals had declared irregular & therefore refused to transmit. What further they have thôt fit to do herein we know not or whether they have proceeded at all upon the Petetion to which however they gave so much countenance as to send up a Copy of the Petition to the Court of Appeals, The Answer sent them, we hope your Hon^rs^. will think as tender as such a proceeding cou'd admit of.

70. We have already mention'd the Letter rec^{d}. from them in which they tell us they do not think themselves accountable to us for their proceedings & indeed they seem to be in earnest, since in the same Letter they tell us they will not be convinced that they have deviated from the Rules laid down in the Royal Charter till they are told so by Authorities well versed in the Laws of England, which they add, they have as yet found no reason to think we are, We confess very freely our Incapacity but the preceeding Acco^{t}. will show your Hon^{rs}. we are at least as well versed therein, as those gentlemen who are pleased to treat us in this manner.

71. We shall trouble your Hon^{rs}. with only one thing more upon this head & w^{ch}. we have reserv'd as being the most extraordinary. Your Hon^{rs}. must remember that when M^{r}. Barrington was sent home, it was loudly said his being an alderman was a protection to him, & that the King had given him licence to reside in India w^{ch}. your Hon^{rs}. cou'd not take from him, We have not heard any thing of this pretence since that time, till this year the Mayors Court elected M^{r}. Lethiullier to be one of their Body. This Gentleman we told your Hon^{rs}. last year came sick from China & not being able to go home we shou'd permit his residence among us till your orders. When he was chosen he represented to the Court his Incapacity of serving there on Acco^{t}. of his not being licenced to continue in India, This we think was a reasonable excuse & the imposing a Fine of one hundred Pagodas on him for it we think will bear no other construction than renewing their Claim to such protection & a power in them to grant it to whom they please.

72. For ourselves we declare solemnly our Proceedings in these Disputes have been such as our best reason & Judgment cou'd direct us, an Argument which however convincing to some, yet looses much of its force by our distance from England, & the time it takes up before we can be out of Doubt, & is rendered still weaker by the arts of wicked & designing men who insinuate that our actions are arbitrary, illegal, & such as will certainly induce your Hon^{rs}. to change hands. These notions inculcated with great pains among the Natives are of infinite prejudice to your Affairs, as it entirely destroys our Influence among them, & makes them very careless, & indifferent how they do any think to oblige us, when they are constantly in expectation of seeing new Rulers.

73. Your Hon^{rs}. Cannot but know the Law is a Science wherein to arrive at any tollerable Degree of exactness & Perfection requires great application & long Study. It is what we were never brôt up to, & therefore hop'd we never shou'd be disturbed by it, where we have so many other Affairs to attend. Nor is the Present trouble & uneasiness all we undergo; Our perplexity's are still augmented by the time it takes up, which is sometimes upwards of 2 years before our Doubts can be rosolv'd. If your Servants at the head of your Affairs have a regard for their reputation & fortune, & we believe you wou'd always wish to have such, thô we act wth. never so much Caution, yet being ignorant, or at best doubtfull of the necessary Forms in these sort of Affairs, it is possible we may err, & cannot avoid reflecting upon past transactions without uneasiness least we shou'd have erred. Altogether takes up so much of our time as prevents that attention & care which your Affairs require, & your Hon^{rs}. expect from us, & is a further occasion of great disquiet among us.

74. We know not what resolution Your Hon^{rs}. may come to wth. regard to the Charter if it must still subsist in the form & manner it does at present, we shall be under a necessity of compiling a set of By laws, that we believe will be very voluminous, & perhaps at last difficult to execute, The Customs, Manners, & Constitution of the People, the nature of your trade, & the Clashing of the Powers of the Country Government, being all obstacles to a strict observance of any Laws that can be devised. Add besides that as no By Laws must have any force or Effect till they have been approved in England, it is very probable few of them will ever have any Effect at all, as the best heads we have here may not be sufficient to provide against all the arts & subtelties that may be contriv'd & thôt of to evade them. Many things are submitted to at present, rather from the force of Custom, & the order of Sallabad, than any real obedience to the Authority of the Government, an authority that will still be less regarded & complied with, till they are made more sensible of the Strength of it from England.

75. We have just rec^{d}. Information by way of Goa that the Europa lost her Passage round the Cape & has lain the Season at Mozambique.

76. We have examin'd the Cloth brôt up from Vizagapatam in Sept^{r}. & have agreed to allow the same prices for it as last year, but there being but a very small quantity full length Your Hon^{rs}. will observe in the Invoice that we have made a Deduction for short Measure.

77. The Invoice of the Duke of Dorset for Goods put on board here amounts to [*lacuna*] of the Mountague to [*lacuna*] the value of the George's Cargo y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will be advised from Fort S^{t}. David.

78. We have letters from Tellicherry, the latest date Dec^{r}. 24 at that time they had no news of the King William.

79. We were obliged to close the generall Books this year without bringing the Vizagapatam & Ingeram Acco^{t}. into them, the Books from those Settlements arriving so very late.

80. Our Storehouse acco^{ts}. are brôt into the method you were pleased to direct, but the new modelling of them has taken up so much time that we must pray y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. excuse that they are not sent by these ships.

81. The two Ships now going from hence are not able to take in their Tonnage, so that your Hon^{rs}. will not recieve the full quantity of Cloth we mention'd in the 19th. Par^{ph}. of this Letter w^{ch}. Disappointment we are concern'd at.

82. We have drawn the following Bills besides those beforemention'd which we pray y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. acceptance of.

		£.		P.
	To Cap^{t}. Thomas Gilbert, value of himself	1000	„	2500
	To Cap^{t}. William Jobson, value of Cap^{t}. Tho^{s}. Gilbert.	160	„	400
Dated 15 Jan^{ry}.	To Daniel Morse or order value of Nicholas Morse ...	300	„	750
	To Robert James or order value of Tho^{s}. Eyre ...	247	12	619
	To Abraham Salaman or ord^{r}. value of himself ...	100	„	250
Dated 20 Jan^{ry}.	To John Roach or ord^{r}. value of himself	740	„	1850

83. The Register of Diamonds by the Duke of Dorset amounts to P. 21277. 34. 16. By the Mountague P. 23233. 18. the Commander of the former has registred here Goods to the value of P^{s}. 3362 R^{s}. 6254. Cap^{t}. Gosfright's manifest amounts to 25225 R^{s}. We wish these Ships safe home & are

HONOURABLE.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
JAN^{RY}. 22^{D}. 1734/5.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^{T}. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED[?]

[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 11, pages 85—92.*]

TO THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HONBLE UNITED COMP^{Y}. OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

It is now some years since we acquainted you of Sunca Vancata Chilums incapacity to pay for the Broad Cloth he had agreed in the year 1730 to purchase of us, & his absolute refusal to enter into any new Contract, or comply with the terms of the old one, We also promised your Hon^{rs}. if he continued obstinate in his refusal, that We wou'd oblige him to pay the Penalty; we wish we cou'd tell we had been successfull herein, but such hath been the unreasonable favour shewn him during this Prosecution that We are still at a Loss to know whether We shall have execution, granted Us on his Effects or not.

We forbore to enter any Action against him till Nov^{r}. 1733, in hopes he wou'd at last be brought to a compliance with his Duty, but finding no proba[bi]lity of influencing him, by fair means, We at last preferred a Bill against him, Moodu-Ramah, & Ball Chitty for one half of the Penalty due for breach of the before-mention'd Contract. To this they demurred giving for reason that Moodu Ramah not

having sign'd the Contract ought not to have been made a party to the Bill & that Tomby Chitty and his Partners who had contracted jointly with them, ought to have been prosecuted jointly; The answer to the first of these Objections was easy & obvious Viz^{t}. that Moodu-Ramah was head of the Family & by the known Laws of the Country necessarily answerable for all their proceedings that he always appear'd & acted as a Partner & in particular all the year 1732 when Vancata Chilum was sick. The other Objection we thôt carryed some weight in it & We therefore did not dispute it, but withdrew our Bill, & enter'd an Action against the whole body of the contracted Merchants including Moodu-Ramah in the Number.

Your Hon^{rs}. will expect we shou'd give You our Reasons for not prosecuting Tomby Chitty for breach of this Contract, since he & his partners were concern'd in it, & the Penalty as much from them as from the others. But they have done for Us in an Appeal to the King in Council, which Vancata Chilum has been encouraged to make Viz^{t}. that We had enter'd into this Prosecution against them because they refused to have any thing to do wth. your Honours. This is the real truth for cou'd they have been brought to comply with any reasonable terms We sho[uld] have been very far from engaging in a Contest [of such a] nature with them, & as the others readiness to engage in a new Contract was very acceptable to Us at that Juncture especially, we therefore thôt it but just to let them reap the rewards of it. It is true they have but ill complied with the terms of it, but that cou'd not be foreseen when the engagement was enter'd into.

Moodu-Ramah was a person very unfit for the carrying on this dispute with being very tenacious of the Dignity of his Cast, & chusing rather than take an Oath (as he must do if he had continued a party to the Bill) to confess the Charge; which not suiting the designs of others, Vancata Chilum prevailed on the Court to expunge all that Part of the Bill which concern'd Moodu-Ramah & discharge him of the Prosecution; notwithstanding one of the Aldermen then on the bench was the Compiler of the Petition to Us in his Behalf jointly with the other two, in which they jointly were concern'd together, & pray to be excused from paying the Penalty of this very Contract. Tomby Chitty & his Partners confessed the Bill, but Vancata Chilum & Ball Chitty put in an Answer thereto in which there was nothing worth remarking, except, that they insisted the Clause in the Contract relating to Wars & Disturbances in the Country ought to be extending to Famine likewise & that the Price of Cloth rose so much that they cou'd [not] comply with their Engagements without great Loss. We will not enter into a long detail of the Argument urged on both sides, the Original Papers being all copied in a Book in the Packet, & the examinations of the Witnesses in the records of the Mayors Court, to which We beg leave to refer & proceed to the [*lacuna*].

Next thing proper to be here mention'd which is the Bill enter'd by Sunca Vancata Chilum & Ball Chitty on Account of the Broad Cloth which We deliver'd to Tomby Chitty, & by which they pretend they were great sufferers. Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will in Our Consultations see the agreement on w^{ch}. they found this Suit & you will by that observe that because no Contract was made for Callicoes, the Broad lay on hand in our Ware-houses; Upon which the joint Stock Merchants were called for & agreed to take it off at 35 ℔ cent advance. This is enough to show that this Cloth was not sold them on the usual terms because in all former agreements they contracted for Callicoes & Broad Cloth together. This sale therefore was not to be esteem'd of the same kind with former Bargains, neither were the terms the same. It is hardly possible to conceive how many Persons cou'd be brought in to interpret an agreement to sell a parcell of Cloth at 35 ℔ Cent into an obligation to keep it on hand as long as the purchaser thôt fit to defer the payment of it, yet without such Obligation on our side the Prosecution must fall to the Ground.

In this long Bill (not to remark the impossibility's of its ever coming [to a] hearing, many of the party's to it being dead & others absent, & from such impossibility to infer that the Design of the Prosecutors was only to asperse & reflect upon People, & not that the Cause shou'd ever be brôt to a hearing,) we can find nothing that requires an Answer except an Assertion of theirs that they were surpris'd with the demand for Payment of the money & an insinuation that they were obliged to allow

10 ℔ Cent to some body for what they did obtain. The first of these needs no other Confutation than what is enter'd in Consultation when we agreed to refuse them the Cloth unless they paid the money down & for the other Article we for our parts declare we know nothing of it, & indeed the Bill itself Charges it all on Mr. Hyde, the properest person for them to pitch upon because being dead he can not disprove. But the improbability of the Charge will appear from the following Observations.

They acknowledge in the Bill they had recd. before this demand two hundred & twenty six Bales & paid 35 ℔ Cent advance for it, & it is not likely they shou'd make a Present of 10 ℔ Cent on the one hundred & twenty two Bales deliver'd them last when they paid nothing for the first.

In the next place they affirm Mr. Hyde made this bargain with them without any Orders & of his own head, whereas it appears by the Consultations that the half part which Vancata Chilum ought to have paid for, was ordered to be divided between the two Sets & therefore the only reason which cou'd be assign'd for their making a Present, thus failing there appears but little probability they did make it.

But further if they got as they pretend, four thousand, seven hundred, eighty nine Pagodas, nine fanams & twenty six Cash, besides fourteen hundred, forty eight Pagds. twelve fanams & thirty Cash for this Present of 10 ℔ Cent how come they to sue for no more since the Accot. wou'd stand thus.

Profit made on the Cloth as they pd.	4789	9	26
10 ℔ Cent Charges	1448	12	30
Batty which they likewise sue for	242	0	24
	6479	22	—

This is what they sue for as due to them on Accot. of the ¼ Part of the Broad Cloth which was not deliverd the~ why then had there been any fact in the Charge, was not the money paid on the Quarter they did receive & which if their Account be true they overpaid added hereto 1448 12 30

Pagds. Fans. Cash.

The whole wou'd then amounted to 79273 2 30, which is the Sum they ought to have enter'd their Action for & their not doing it ought to be looked upon as a Proof that this is an asperation. For the sake of which we think we may venture to say they enter'd this Action since in the Appeal to [the] King in Council beforemention'd, the[y] say in express [words] they had no thoughts of doing it, had not prosecuted them for their breach of Contract.

This much We have thought necessary to say concerning the subject matter of this Cause which has been the Darling of the busy Spirits in the Town for some months past, for what reasons & with what views the Account, we account in Our other Letter under the last head given Your Honrs., will make very apparent.

We now proceed to an Account of the manner in which this Cause was carried on. We were summon'd in a Body to appear & answer to the Complaint of these People. But a Cause wherein a dead man only was charged wth. any Injury to the Complainants, & for which consequently no one else cou'd be accountable, did not seem to Us to deserve much regard, accordingly We instead of making a full answer to that Mass of Nonsense & Inconsistances, thôt the shortest & easiest way was to put in a Plea thereto shewing that the Complainants had no right to any relief by their own stating the Case. This Plea was put in the 15th. of Febry. & being a thing which the Patrons of this Complaint were not provided for, the Court took a weeks time to consider of it, & then order'd it to be filed. The Sollicitor having obtain'd thus much of them, insisted that the Plea so filed shou'd be allow'd or demurred to by the other party till when he wou'd make no further answer, in which he exactly followed & the rates laid down in our Law Book; the Court however instead of allowing his Demand were pleased 14 Days after they had order'd the Plea to be filed, to order it to be dismissed, & that as will appear very plainly appear from the minute without so much as a motion made by the other party.

After this apparent partiality to the Complainants We had little reason to expect an equitable decision of this Cause & therefore the Sollicitor applied to the Court of Appeals for redress, praying the s^{d}. Plea might be affirm'd. The Design & Prayer of this Appeal was no more, & we think this Proceeding was exactly agreeable to the Rules laid down in the Charter & in the several directions from time to time sent us by your Hon^{rs}. for the more regular execution of the Powers of it. In the first we are told, If any Person or Persons shall think him her & themselves aggriev'd by any Judgment Sentences or Decree of the s^{d}. Court, He or they may appeal therefrom, & we cannot but be of Opinion that dismissing this Plea comes within the above description. This Opinion of Ours we find supported by the Practice of the Courts of Westminster where the Writs called *Breve de errore corrigend^{o} et certiorari* are common. The first issuing out of the Kings bench, when a man complains he has been griev'd by any Error in the Foundation proceeding Judgment or Execution. The other granted by Chancery on Complaint that the Party who seeks redress thereby has a cause depending in an [Infer]iour Court where he has rec^{d}. hard Usage. When their argument was urged to the Mayor[s] Court on delivering them the Decree of the Court of Appeal[s] the Sollicitor added further two Passages in the Letters of this head, which are as follow. If the Mayors Court are mistaken in any orders, decrees or Judgments & the same are appeal'd from, in such Cases you may correct those mistakes ; which We are of Opinion are terms not so properly applicable to the final determination of any Cause as to the intermediate proceedings since had it related to the former it wou'd we think have been more stron[g]ly worded. The other passage is that wherein your Hon^{rs}. are speaking of the Cause of Sunca Ramah versus Hanson in which are these words. The Defendant might have pleaded the Sentence of the Court of Tranquebar in bar of that Action or Suit, & this being done, if the Mayors Court had adjudged the Plea good, an Appeal wou'd properly have lain to you for your Judgm^{t}. & from hence he inform'd that if an Appeal lay upon that Court adjudging a Plea to be good, it wou'd by parity of Reason lie on their adjudging it to be bad.

Sunca Vancata Chilum refused to make answer to this Appeal, but pleaded to the Jurisdiction of the Court where he was instructed so to do, Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will easily find by the extraordinary entry made in the Mayors Court, whe the Decree from the Court of Appeals was carried them which however was not done till after he had refused to answer the Appeal, for which purpose he was served wth, two peremptory rules & a sufficient time giv'n him for that purpose.

The next thing proper to be remarked is, that after the Mayors Court had come to the extraordinary resolve abovemention'd your Sollicitor offer'd them if they wou'd suffer the Plea to be demurr'd to, he woud wave the Benefit of the Decree of the Court of Appeals ; but that cou'd not be obtain'd thô we have reason to believe they began to apprehend they had been guilty of an Error in dismissing it without. And that Sunca Ramah not let so far into the secret as he ought to have been demanded Judgment immediately on Our refusing to give further Answer & insisting on the Decree. But his Friends to delay it because the other Cause was not ready for hearing, & accordingly they kept it back from the 19th. April to the 14th. June, following, at w^{ch}. time they made a Decree in favour of your Hon^{rs}. in the first cause, & against You in the Second, but least you shou'd take out Execution they join'd the two decrees in one. Which therefore obliged the Sollicitor to appeal a second time in order that the Decrees might be seperated & a regular Process issue for the recovery of w^{t}. was adjudged to you by the first Decree & that the other Cause might be regularly heard & determin'd, in order to which he by petition declin'd the Benefit of the former Decree made therein.

To the latter of these Judgments M^{r}. Powney one of the Aldermen dissented & insisted that such Dissent should be minuted Cap^{t}. Irving another of the Aldermen was not on the Bench. The other four immediately after giving these Decrees came to a resolution to fill up the vacancies, which they had kept open near five months, we think we may [wi]thout doing them any Injury, say, for no other purpose [bu]t to be sure of a Majority.

In this second Appeal it is very apparent the Sollicitor acquiesces in the judgment on the first cause & only prays relief from the last. However as the Mayors Court had taken no small pains to blend the two causes together, it was not practicable to avoid mentioning them both, & accordingly when he prays they may be seperated, he is under a necessity of praying one may stand good thô the other be rever[s]d. And this the other party wou'd willingly have laid hold on to defend themselves from an Execution on the first Cause. To this end they put in a Demur to the Appeal & assign'd for cause of Demurrer, that all the parties to the Bill were not summon'd to answer the Appeal, & that the Persons constituting the Court of Appeals were the Agents of the Company, & consequently not competent Judges; there are many other Arguments in the Demurrer but the Purport of them is contain'd in the two above above mention'd. The Sollicitor imediately hereupon join'd in Demurrer, & answerd to the first Objection, that the Decree from which he appeal'd was given in favour of Sunca Vancata Chilum & Ball Chitty only for that the additional words in behalf of themselves & others the joint Contract Merchants &c^{t}. were words without any determinate signification, & since only these two appear'd in Court & prosecuted in this Cause & that they had never produced powers from any other whatsoever to sue in their behalf, it was useless to add an &c^{a}. at the end of their names, since it was impossible to know whether any body or who was meant thereby, especialy since having in a former Bill in the Mayors Court nam'd Mooduramah as one who was meant by the Words Others, for which these very people had obtain'd his Bill to be dismissed. To the other Objection he replied that the King having constituted the Presidents Council to be a Court of Appeals for all Causes without exception. They acted in a double capacity & that it wou'd have become those who were Suitors in his Courts to submit to the Rules he had laid down for their Proceedings. But that however in the present Case, the Cause being for upwards of one thousand Pag^{ds}. the Persons who shou'd be cast had a right to carry it to the King in Council, w^{ch}. right they must be depriv'd of if it did not come before the King of Appeals, since the only way of coming to him appointed by the Charter is by Appeal from the Decree of the Court of Appeals here. That since no evidence is brôt in the Court of Appeals, & their business only is to examine into & correct the Error of the Mayors Court in which they are to proceed upon such Proofs only as had been before that Court. Cou'd it be supposed the members of the Court of Appeals were capable of being influenced. It wou'd be of very little consequence since the original must without any alteration be laid before the King & the final judgment wou'd consequently be agreable to the Proofs & allegations in the Mayors Court; whereas if this cause should be flung out on Account of the objection above mention'd it would render the Decrees of the lowest Court of Justice in the place final & absolute in Causes of the highest Nature since there is no Relief provid[ed by] any Method.

The Demurrer was hereupon overruled, & the Respondents put in an Answer in the latter part of which they expressly aver that the second Bill was enter'd in the behalf of all the Parties to the First. The Tenour of the second Bill apparently proves this impossible since it prays that your Hon^{rs}. may be decreed to pay what they pretend last by a parcell of Broad Cloth deliver'd to Tomby Chitty; But they were well aware that if they confess'd the Parties to the two Bills to be different, the consequence wou'd be that the Decrees must be so to, & then they were left without remedy since the time for appealling appointed by the Charter had been many months elapsed. They therefore resolv'd to abide by their averment that so they might correct their error in not appealing by pretending that there was but one Decree in the two Causes from w^{ch}. our having appealed made it not necessary for them to do it, likewise to w^{ch}. purpose in the avower we are now speaking of, they pray the whole Decree of the Mayors Court may stand good.

The Court of Appeals having duely weigh'd the arguments urged on both sides, the first Judgment to remain as it did & reversed the second giving leave to the Complainants to renew their Suit if they thôt fit. We have not as yet heard of any new Bill brôt by them on this Acco^{t}. but they deliver'd to our Register an Appeal to the King in Council from Our Decree. On the other side was presented a

Petition in your Hon^{rs}. behalf praying that this Appeal might not be rec^{d}. w^{ch}. Petition was backed with a Declaration from Tomby Chitty & his Partners that they never consented to the Bill preferred against you in the Mayors Court, nor were consulted about or knew any thing of the present Appeal. Upon this Vancata Chilum's Attorney pray'd the Appeal might stand good for the rest. This was granted for so far as his Appeal concern'd the second Cause, because your Hon^{rs}. had appeal'd from the Decree of the Mayors & he from the Decree of the Court of Appeals consequent thereto, but it being apparent that no Appeal had ever been brôt from the Judgment in the Mayors Court in the other Cause to Us. We cou'd not acquiesce with his request with regard thereto since nothing could be laid before the King till it had been before Our Court, which they were not too late for.

The only thing that looked like an Argum^{t}. in answer hereto is what We before mention'd, that as the Mayors Court had join'd the Decree together & you had appeal'd they apprehended the Appeal was from that whole Decree & therefore there was no necessity for the to appeal from it likewise. But this was over ruled on account of the apparent Differences in the two Causes which is so great that maugre all the endeavours of the Mayors Court together to blind [*sic*] them together it has bee impossible. For if instead of the Words these Causes in the beginning of their Decree we substitute this Cause, & instead of each party pay their own Costs which are at the end of it, We put the Defendants pay the Costs the two Decrees may be read without one word in either of them being necessary to make the sense of the other compleat.

Having thus rejected their Appeal to the King Vancata Chilum deliver'd a Petition to the Mayors Court, [praying] they wou'd transmit the same, to which they have given so much as to defer granting execution agreable to our Decree thô demanded of them two Court Days successively & to send us a Copy of the s^{d}. Petition. We were in hopes the Check they rec^{d}. some years ago for disputing whether they shou'd execute our Decrees wou'd have made them more observant of them now.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 1735. RECEIVED PER PRINCE OF ORANGE 20TH APRIL 1736.

[*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 4, pp. 86–100, India Office transcript.*]

1. Their last was under date 31th August & 22th Jan^{y}.

2. The letters this year received from the Company are dated 29th November 20th December & 31th of January, and one from Mr. Secretary Mole.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3. It was a great Concern to them to find so few Ships got safe home from India the last Season. Of those sent out this year all designed for this Port except the Nassau are arrived, the three China Ships were standing into Batavia Road the 27th May. The Queen Caroline after having been at Mocha and Bombay was going down the Malabar Coast in August to take in a Cargo for Persia.

4. The Godolphin arrived the 15th June, the Beaufort 20th, the Prince of Orange 5th July, the Wager and Marlborough the 10th and the Onslow the 25th, Captain Steward was dispatcht for the Bay in eight days time without detaining him to coyn his Silver, that the President and Council there might have a Supply as soon as possible, for the same Reason, sent the Beaufort and Marlborough's thither uncoined.

5. Captain Boulton after some stay was acquainted that he might proceed to the Bay, for that they should not take him under their Direction. The same was observed with regard to the Marlborough, but were obliged to detain the Wager and Onslow to carry the coyned Silver.

6. The Prince of Orange has taken in 700 Baggs of Saltpetre more than the Charterparty Quantity.

7. Shall not put on board any of the Ships more than the Charterparty Tonnage unless the Captains will take it at half freight.

8. In the Packet come the usual surveys of this Ship's Men and warlike Stores.

9. In the Packet is an Account of every thing brought ashore from the Prince of Orange and a Manifest of Captain Hudson's private Trade. If any of the Commanders dye, shall not fail to secure their Effects from Embezzlements and assist their Executors as much as possible.

10. The small vessell bought for the Service of the West Coast drove ashore in her return from Fort St. David last year, her Wreck after deducting all Charges produced 207 Pagodas. They examined the Syrang and People as per Consultation 27th January and afterwards dismissed them after a slight chastisement.

11. The Madrass Galley returned from Bencoolen the 22th February and was sent to Vizagapatam to be caulked and fitted. As the Gentlemen on the West Coast had been largely supplyed with Treasure, did not apprehend there was occasion to return any vessell to them 'till had Advices from Europe and have therefore employ'd the George in making two Trips to Fort St. David to bring up Bales, she is now gone to Bengal for Saltpetre and have desired she may be returned by the 1st December at farthest.

12. Whenever these vessells are sent to any Port, the Commanders have Orders to make the best of their Way and to use all imaginable diligence when in Port. As to overpriviledge, extravagant Charges or Embezzlements of the Ships Stores, they take all imaginable care to prevent those or any other Frauds.

13. Hope the not sending the Remains of the Eyles's Cargo on the Britannia and Duke of Lorrain will have been a very small disappointment since it was only the gruffer Part.

SECONDLY, TOUCHING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

14. The Produce of Gold on the Malabar Coast and in this Place not differing above one per cent, have thought it their Duty to send all this year's Silver to Bengal rather than detain a part of it for the Richmond, and have advised the President and Council of Bombay thereof that they may not depend upon Silver from this side.

15. When they drew that large number of Bills of Exchange the last year, had a Design to send an early Supply of Treasure to the Bay if their Manilla Ship arrived in time, but as she stay'd 'till the middle of April, did not think they should be warranted in buying Silver at so high a rate as 14¼ Dollars for ten Pagodas.

16. Did however design to have purchased some Silver when the Mocha and Bussero Ships should arrive, if any should have been wanted at Bombay for the Richmond, but the Royal George from Bussero has left most of her Cargo behind and the Narcissus their Mocha Ship is still missing, so that shall have no opportunity of laying out any Mony that way 'till the Arrival of the next year's ships from Manilla.

17. The Mint Braminys and Goldsmiths were summoned into Consultation and told of the Company's Resolutions to pay no more than 1½ per cent for Coyning Rupees, who with great Difficulty submitted thereto, however are apprehensive of not recovering their Ballances at the End of the year. Though have got the better of them in this Article it was impossible to perswade 'em to coyn the new pillar Silver without an allowance for its being debased. Desire to know if there has been any Difference made in the Standard of the new pillar Dollars, as the Complaint against them has subsisted some years. Some Peices of them essayed are sent in the Packet.

18. The Madeira Wine lost by Leakage only 4 Pipes out of 75, the amount of the Sale is Pagodas 2649½, desire a supply of 60 Pipes a year.

19. Have sent no Ship to Manilla this year, so that the Cloth receiv'd per Godolphin and most of that of the last Season lies still on hand. The Produce of the first parcel is Pagodas 5651 : 32 : 20, the rest of the Broad Cloth comes to 4808½, so that there is a Proffit of 17½ per cent on that adventure.

20. The Commanders not being permitted to bring out any Cloth will Enable the Merchants to get rid of the large quantity they have on hand before the next Supply comes, have determined to charge the amount of the Interest due from Tomby Chitty on his Bond for Broad Cloth to his Account, shall thoroughly examine whether selling it at Outcry be likely to advance the Price to continue it in the present Method, if the former be resolved on, Convenient Seasons of the year shall be taken for that Purpose.

21. The Indent for Broad Cloth in the Packet is not signed by the Merchants but by themselves, beleive the 600 Bales indented for is as much as can be sold in 1737.

22. Sold in May last 500 Candys of Lead, but the unsettled state of the Government has occasioned such a state of stagnation in Trade, that it would have been useless to attempt a second Sale 'till a more proper Opportunity.

23. Were offer'd no more than 78 pagodas per Candy for the Onslow's Copper, therefore have sent it to Bengall.

24. Have sold all the little Stores designed for Madagascar which were sent from the West Coast per Hertford. The amount of worn out Stores wrote off this year is pagodas 140 : 33 : 58. and at Fort St. David 212 : 3 : 7.

25. The beginning of the year received some Silver Lead from Bengal, which as it will fetch nothing there shall make the most they can of it.

26. Their Indents shall be regularly signed by them all in future. Their Surgeons complain that the Indents they send for Medicines are not observed by the Persons who put them up, have been obliged to permit them to take a part of what sent to Fort St. Davids to supply their own Hospital.

27. In purchasing the Gold from the Supra Cargos of the Wyndham and selling the Silver by her, they acted for the Company as should have done for themselves, and though in the month of May the Ballance of their Cash was 110000 Pagodas, yet 58000 of that was the unexpected supply by the Compton and the Mony designed for Vizagapatam which the Gentlemen there afterwards requested to be sent in Rupees.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

28. When the Nassau arrives shall distribute her Pepper among the homeward bound Ships at half Freight.

29. Shall keep as near to the List of Investment this year received as possible. As for advancing the prices of Cloth, shall never make use of that Expedient but in Cases of absolute necessity.

30. Tomby Chitty and his Partners have of late proved very backward in complying with their Contracts, whatever advance has been made in the Prices these five years, yet still the Merchants neither care to Contract nor are they able to comply with their Contracts when they have made them, which is an irrefragable argument that they reap very little advantage thereby, have however with great Difficulty engaged him in a Contract for a thousand Bales, do not expect he will perform it entirely, but has comply'd more nearly than of late.

31. Have also engaged with one Molinga Kistna and his Brother Molinga Ball Chitty upon a List of Cloth between 7 and 800 Bales of the same Sortments with Tomby Chitty, but under no Penalty, have since agreed with them for the white and colour'd Ginghams and Oringall Bettellees ordered in the List of Investment, finding them more likely to serve 'em well herein than the Chittees.

32. The last Contract at Fort St. David was pretty well observed and they have made a new one for 1500 Bales there at some small abatement on a part thereof. Have been obliged to promise the Merchants they shall not be sufferers by the Contract and to indulge them in paying only $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent Custom instead of five on what Cloth was turned out last year. Directed the Deputy Governour and Council to offer contracting for a proportion of fine cloth to put them on a Par with the Merchants at Pondicherry, which was gladly accepted, but the Musters proposed to contract by were so bad that were obliged to reject them, and they have therefore contracted only for the ordinary and Sallem.

33. Their last years Letters contain the Reasons why the prime Cost of the Cloth from the Northern Settlements comes out cheaper than in these Parts.

34. The Wars in the Country about Ingeram are ended in an entire Conquest by the Moors, so that may now hope those parts will be peaceably settled, the utmost hopes Mr. Graham gives them at present is no more than 420 Bales.

35. The Vizagapatam Investment has of late been very considerable, but the Deduction made the last year in the Price of the short measure Cloth has almost put an entire stop to it. Have supply'd both the Northern Settlements with as much Cash as they can employ.

36. The Porto Novo Investment goes on much as it did, think their Merchant there may be depended on.

37. By this ship send the Izzarees, and have ordered the 500 Pieces indented for this year to be provided, which shall be sent for the September Sale.

38. In their Consultations and Letters by this Ship is an Account at large of the many Difficultys started by the Merchants in the several Settlements, and of the Resolutions taken and the Directions given thereupon.

39. As to the Photaes and Soot Romals proposed to be provided here, arose purely from comparing the Cost and Goodness of those designed for England by the Eyles with the Cost and Goodness of the Cloth made here for the Wear of the poorer sort of People in this place.

40. Whenever can purchase Cotton at a price that will give a Proffit in the Bay, shall not fail to do it, and have wrote thither to have the spare Tonnage on their returned Ships filled with Rice.

41. In the beginning of the year received from thence a parcel of Raw Silk saved out of the Ockham which sold very well and has encouraged them to send up 50. Bales more now.

42. Have sent a parcel of Rungpore Raw Silk to Bombay at the Request of the Gentlemen at Bengal who advised it turned to good Account there last Season.

FOURTHLY, TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

43. In the Packet is a regular Account of the Prince Augustus's voyage. The reason of their sending so great a quantity of Tin was that there were at that time no other Goods procurable and had Reason to beleive it would turn out better than silver.

44. Thankful for the Permission granted them of setting apart one of this year's Ships for that Voyage, but many reasons had before determined them to send no Ship to China this year.

45. The Reasons for which, were the dearness of every thing proper for that Port, especially Pepper & Tin and the Scarcity of Silver, as likewise the Practice the Macao Ships have now fallen into of coming constantly to the Coast, by which their Markets have been glutted, there are two additional Reasons against sending an European ship thither, the first is the 10 per cent payable in China on their Cargoes, and the Necessity of coming away so early to save her Passage to Europe, of which the Chinese make their Advantage.

46. The Disappointments at Manilla have prevented their sending any Ship thither, their Bussero Ship has not sold half her Cargo and the Wars between the Turks and Persians give 'em little hopes of Success in those Parts. The Exactions on their Trade at Mocha make 'em almost despair of selling anything there, having this last year been obliged to pay near Sixteen per cent.

47. These two Ships and one to Syam with a Stock of 9000 Pagodas are all they have this year sent out, and if the hardships put upon the Trade at that Port are not taken off, shall be obliged to drop this Voyage.

48. Surat has been blocked up these two Seasons, which and the Disturbances inland, have prevented any Trade there, and for their inland Trade it is entirely disturbed by the Differences subsisting at the Court of Arcot, so that the scheme of Trade proposed by the Company is still as far off as at first.

49. Pursuant to their Promise last year, sent 30 Men to Tellicherry on the Request of the Chief & Council there. The French have only five Ships to India this year, of which, one to Myhie, one to China and three to the Coast & Bay with considerable Cargoes.

50. Have received a Complaint from Anjengo of one Captain Gale for buying Pepper within the Company's Limits and from Bombay of some Persons who have sold Ships to the Persians without Leave, their Sentiments & Answers to which are enter'd in Book of Letters sent.

51. A Fleet of Persians went up the Gulph to beseige Bussero, which occasioned the Bashaw to seize on the Royal George & Deane to send down against them and defeated 'em after four Days Engagement, upon enquiring strictly into the Conduct of their Supra Cargo's on this Occasion, find it was not in their Power to prevent it.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS & REVENUES.

52. Have set about no Buildings or Repairs since their last advices except laying another Row of Terrass Bricks on the Grainery and have cleansed the Tanks in the washing Town.

53. At Fort St. David have begun upon the General Repair of the Buildings, & have consented to allow the Paymaster the hire of a Palankeen to overlook the Workmen. The Powder Godown in the Fort being damp, have directed them to find means of making it useful and not repair that at Cuddalore.

54. In the Packet is an Account of the Cost of the Sea Gate. The Town Conicoply's Dutys shall be wrote off to Profit & Loss, though cannot help representing that is a Grant made by the Company many years ago to the Town for Embellishing and improving it.

55. If the Protestant Missionarys apply, shall give them a proper spot of ground to build a Church on.

56. Refer to their Books by this Ship, wherein is at large the several Remarks made and Directions given to Vizagapatam about their Revenues and Expences, shall only mention here that there stood a Debt in those Books of upwards of Ten Thousand Pagodas being the difference between what paid the Nabob and the produce of the Revenues there for 25 years which have ordered to be wrote off.

57. Have found so much trouble in circulating the M M Pagoda that have determined to lay them aside again, their Inducements hereto are laid down in their Consultations and have determined to charge the 5 per cent and $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on Coral as formerly now those Pagodas are no longer insisted on, but shall however keep the additional $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent unappropriated 'till know the Company's Pleasure.

58. The badness of the Arcot Rupee which passes in Bengal for nine per cent Batty when the Madrass is intrinsically four per cent better passes only at ten it is not to be wondered at that the Company's servants as well as all others should choose to sell their Silver to the Merchants who coyn it in the Country Mints rather than in the Company's.

59. The old Chaise Horses being grown entirely useless, sold them at Outcry and have purchased another Pair for 200 Pagodas, have also bought a Persia Horse for 153 Pagodas.

60. Have appointed one of the Council to draw the Assay Peices of the Gold and Silver Coyns, send Musters by this Ship.

61. Have directed an addition of seven Carts to be made for cleansing the black Town.

62. Several Cowles have expired this year, among them the Beetle and Tobacco Farm which is relet at the old rate.

63. Egmore &c^{a}. Villages are also relet on the same terms excepting that have added two years to the Lease.

64. Have obtained an advance of 150 Pagodas per annum for the Measuring Farm, but the Town Brokers having lost by their Cowle, could get only seven instead of the old Rent of 800 Pagodas per annum.

65. The Arrack Farm at Fort St. David was refused by the old Renters and offered in vain to several others, 'tis therefore kept in the Company's hands 'till a better Opportunity.

66. Have indulged the Supra Cargoes of the Bengal Judda Ship to bring ashore some Bales that could not sell at Judda to shew the Merchants and to carry them aboard again Custom free, if could not sell them.

Sixthly, Factors, Writers, Officers, and their Accounts.

67. Mr. Pitt left this place 23th January and Mr. Benyon took the Government upon him immediately, assures the Company he will make it his Study to merit the Confidence reposed in him.

68. Mr. Torriano was also called to the Board to make up seven, have appointed him Rental General & Scavinger and Mr. John Savage Sub Secretary, Clerk of the Peace, Company's Sollicitor Clerk of Appeals and Coroner, and Mr. John Hammond under the Warehousekeeper.

69. Messrs. Brooke and Berriman at S^{t}. David and Mr. Thomas Day are dead, have order'd Robert Allen to S^{t}. David, have not hands enough therefore desire some Assistants.

70. The Company's approval of the Pains which Mr. Torriano took in transcribing the Swedish Papers is the greatest Encouragement he can have to go on discharging his Duty.

71. Mr. Charles Gee is dead at Bencoolen.

72. Messrs. Peers and Parkes's Bonds are delivered their Attorneys.

73. Mr. Amyand shall be recalled from the West Coast and have the first vacant Company, have made Roderick Forbes an Ensign in lieu of Mr. Steward and Abraham Rogers at Fort St. David in lieu of Mr. Buckberry who are both dead.

74. Have sent 20 of the Recruits' arrived this year to Fort St. David, the nineteen supernumerary Men which they now have, apprehend there is a Necessity of keeping them during the unsetled State of the Country.

75. Mr. Joseph Goddard's Covenants shall be executed as soon as Opportunity offers, but Mr. Manning Lethieullier being determined to go home has not signed his.

76. Have found out what became of the Silver & Effects sent out to Mr. James Dore in 1722, the produce whereof with a Bulse of Diamonds was sent by Mr. Elwick to Mr. John Rogerson.

77. Have heard that Mr. Palmer late Resident at Pegue has Effects in the Bay, have sent his Account Current there to recover the Ballance thereof.

78. If John Waterson appears among them, shall pursuant to order send him home.

79. Palmer the Soldier dyed at Bencoolen, the two Officers he complained of have cleared themselves.

80. Thankful for the Liberty granted them of remitting their Mony home via Bengal at the same Exchange indulged the Company's Servants there.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

81. Have drawn the following Bills of Exchange at the usual Rate:

£	300	—	—	payable to Captain John Kelsall.
,,	510	15	10¾	to Robert Allen.
,,	338	4	10¾	to Ditto.
,,	404	2	8½	to Judah Supino & Son.
,,	853	19	11	to Judah Supino & Son.
,,	325	8	—	to Ditto.
,,	303	11	8½	to Ditto.
,,	184	14	5	to Ditto.
,,	624	1	9	to Ditto.
,,	600	—	—	to Charles Benyon.
,,	600	—	—	to Charles Wybergh.
,,	120	—	—	to Charles Boddam.
,,	120	—	—	to Richard Wiatt.
,,	800	—	—	to Father Thomas de Poitiers.
,,	1600	—	—	to Ditto.
,,	2427	19	2½	to Isaac Salvador.
,,	468	19	5	to Ditto.
,,	2981	11	7¾	to Ditto.
,,	919	11	¼	to Ditto.
,,	1815	4	½	to James Porten.
,,	800	—	—	to John Turner.
,,	140	2	5	to Philip Dorey.
,,	103	8	2½	to Thomas Hall.
,,	200	—	—	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
,,	385	12	—	to Ditto.
,,	214	8	—	to Ditto.
,,	100	—	—	to Elizabeth Day.
,,	200	—	—	to Moses Henriques Julien.
,	176	11	—	to Ditto.

82. The two Bills for £2400 to the Order of Father Thomas de Poitiers are for Account of Mr. Lenoir late Governour of Pondicherry, whose Conduct has been such with regard to them, that they pray a due acceptance.

83. Beg to defer saying anything relating to the West Coast and other matters 'till the January Ships.

SUPPLEMENT.

84. Captain Hudson has taken in 1800 Bales which compleats his Tonnage, as his going directly home from hence is a great disappointment to him, recommend him to the Company's Favour.

85. The Prince of Orange's Invoice amounts to Pagodas 132698 : 5 : 76. The Captain's Register to 5570 & the St. Helena Goods to 209 : 14 : 12.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED DECEMBER 8, 1735. RECEIVED PER GODOLPHIN THE 6TH. JULY 1736.

[*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 4, p. 118, India Office transcript.*]

In Consultation of this date is an Order for paying 6000 Pagodas to the President, which is the Sums presented the Nabob & Imaum Sahib on occasion of seizing the Effects belonging to the Ulrica Eleonora.

Judged it inconvenient to place this Sum to the Head directed in the Company's Letter, because it would not have kept the transaction secret, have therefore placed it to the Debit of Account Current London.

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